

Nathan Blair: Letting the Body Lead: Reinventing Leadership through Powerful Body-Oriented Coaching Techniques.



Nathan Blair is a body-oriented coach and the founder of The Somatic School in the UK. He is trained in Hakomi, Focusing and Authentic Movement. He integrates these techniques and similar modalities into a coaching context. In this talk you'll discover 5 tools for leading yourself and others by talking less, feeling more, and by following the body's lead.

# **TOP EMBODIMENT TIP:** What is presence if not being with?

#### Hakomi Method: Five Principles

- <u>Organisity</u> the idea that living beings are self-organising and self-directing.
- <u>Mindfulness</u> simple attention to the present moment just as it is. In Hakomi, it's an understanding that change comes through awareness.
- <u>Nonviolence</u> the principle of- do no harm. In Hakomi, it means aligning ourselves with the organic unfolding of the process.
- <u>Body-mind holism</u> the body is the expression of the mind and vise versa.
- <u>Unity</u> everything is part of a greater whole. Think about a bigger picture.

# Orienting Practice: Connecting to the Environment Through Our Senses - Get Back to Here and Now.

- Take a moment to do nothing. Let your eyes travel where they want to go and let them see what they see. How does the environment contact you through your eyes? Is there any change in your state now?
- Focusing Practice:
  - Take the time to feel your body. Feel the places where your body is in contact with something else. Feel your breath.
    Be aware of what feels good. Notice something that might be needing your attention right now. Try saying:
    "Something is here." How does it feel? Maybe this *something* needs to be acknowledged, or it needs time or space.
    Try to describe it. This practice is about getting in touch with the **felt sense.**

#### A Practice of Loving-Presence:

- See the person you are interacting with as **a source of nourishment and inspiration for you**.

# <u>A Sitting Down Practice:</u>

- Ask the person to approach a chair and sit on it. Watch and then do it yourself, thinking of what this person was trying to say to the chair. What did this chair say in reply to the body? What would the chair say when the person left the room? Share the answers with the person.

#### Resources

- Website: <u>https://www.thesomaticschool.com/</u>
- Social: Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/nathblair</u>
- References: Hakomi method, Steve Hoskinson Organic Intelligence, Polyvagal Theory, Eugene Gendlin Focusing, Jon Kabat-Zinn - books on mindfulness, felt sense, & Deb Dana.





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