

A fresh start for your health

Nutritional therapist and functional medicine practitioner Tracy Tredoux believes that small steps could be the key to a healthier you



BEGINNING TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH

Entering a new year is the perfect time to embrace new beginnings, especially in how we approach our health. More people are realising the importance of being proactive in their health journeys, moving from a focus on managing disease to a preventive approach centred on nourishing food, regular movement, quality sleep and effective stress management. This year, Tracy encourages people to explore new beginnings that empower us to become active participants in their own health, recognising the power of personal engagement as a foundation for long-term wellness.

Being involved in your own healthcare means taking time to observe patterns in your health and lifestyle. From how you feel after certain foods to how well you sleep, noticing these details helps you understand your body's unique requirements more. It may mean starting a health journal to track diet, exercise and mood or consulting with a health practitioner who supports this holistic approach. Small actions like these allow people to make more informed decisions and see health as a journey rather than a series of interventions.

BEGINNING TO RECONNECT WITH NATURE

A new year is a wonderful time to reconnect with the natural world around us, appreciating the profound impact nature has on our health and wellbeing. In the hustle of daily life, especially in big cities like London, it's easy to overlook

the healing power of spending time outdoors. Yet London's beautiful parks, relative closeness to coastal paths, and forest trails offer the perfect spaces to practise grounding, which involves connecting physically with the earth to help reduce stress, improve mood and restore energy. Studies show that time in nature helps lower blood pressure, boosts immunity and can even enhance mental clarity. This year, try incorporating outdoor walks as a natural counterbalance to sedentary routines. These moments of connection with nature are not only a break from indoor life but an integral part of a healthier, more balanced lifestyle.

BEGINNING TO PRIORITISE FOOD QUALITY

While eating "healthier" is a common resolution, there's increasing awareness that food quality is just as important as the food itself. Beginning to prioritise



food quality means understanding the difference between foods that merely satisfy hunger and those that genuinely nourish the body.

Start by focusing on whole, nutrient-dense foods — organic fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, wild-caught fish and whole grains. These options are often richer in essential nutrients and are free from the additives and preservatives that can contribute to inflammation. It's also about tuning into where our food comes from and how it's produced. For example, vegetables from healthy soil contain a wider variety of micronutrients, while grass-fed meats offer higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids than conventional options.

BEGINNING WITH SMALL, CONSISTENT ACTIONS

Health transformations don't need to be grand or immediate. In fact, small, consistent actions often have the greatest impact over time. Consider focusing on sleep quality, for example, by setting a regular bedtime routine, or start each day with a glass of warm water and a few minutes of deep breathing. These habits may seem small, but they're foundational to your body's resilience and capacity to handle stress.

Creating time for movement is another powerful beginning. Rather than committing to an intense regimen, simply begin by moving in ways that feel good — whether it's walking more, stretching or dancing.



Movement supports circulation, mood and energy, and regular activity becomes easier as it becomes routine.

BEGINNING TO CONNECT MIND, BODY AND LIFESTYLE

Understand that there's an interconnectedness between physical and mental wellbeing. This year, start recognising how emotional health influences your body's function and vice versa. Begin by trying to manage stress actively — whether through meditation, spending time in nature or pursuing hobbies that bring joy. This holistic view acknowledges that true health is more than the absence of disease: it's a state of balance and vitality.

into your daily life and begin to understand the deeper relationship between your lifestyle and your health. Each day is a fresh start — a chance to learn more about your body, tune into its needs, and choose habits that help build long-term wellness.

This year, allow these new beginnings to guide you towards a healthier, more vibrant life. Embrace the journey, trust the process and know that each step, no matter how small, is progress toward becoming your healthiest self.

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NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW POSSIBILITIES

As people look to the year ahead, let's remember that new beginnings don't have to be overwhelming. Start by taking small steps that fit

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