# Empathy to empower the difference: Diversity and Inclusion in a multicultural classroom Julia Huisman

### Sample Groups

Multicultural
Multidisciplinary
International
Gender Neutral
Diverse Background
But Above all
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### EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

#### Social Skills

Being able to create and maintain healthy relationships

#### Decision-making

The ability to make responsible choices and accept their outcome



#### Empathy

The capacity to empathize and appreciate another perspective

#### Self-awareness

The knowledge of one's own thoughts, feelings and motivations

#### Self-regulation

The ability to regulate emotions and actions in a variety of environments

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# Behaviour

# TIP OF THE ICEBERG

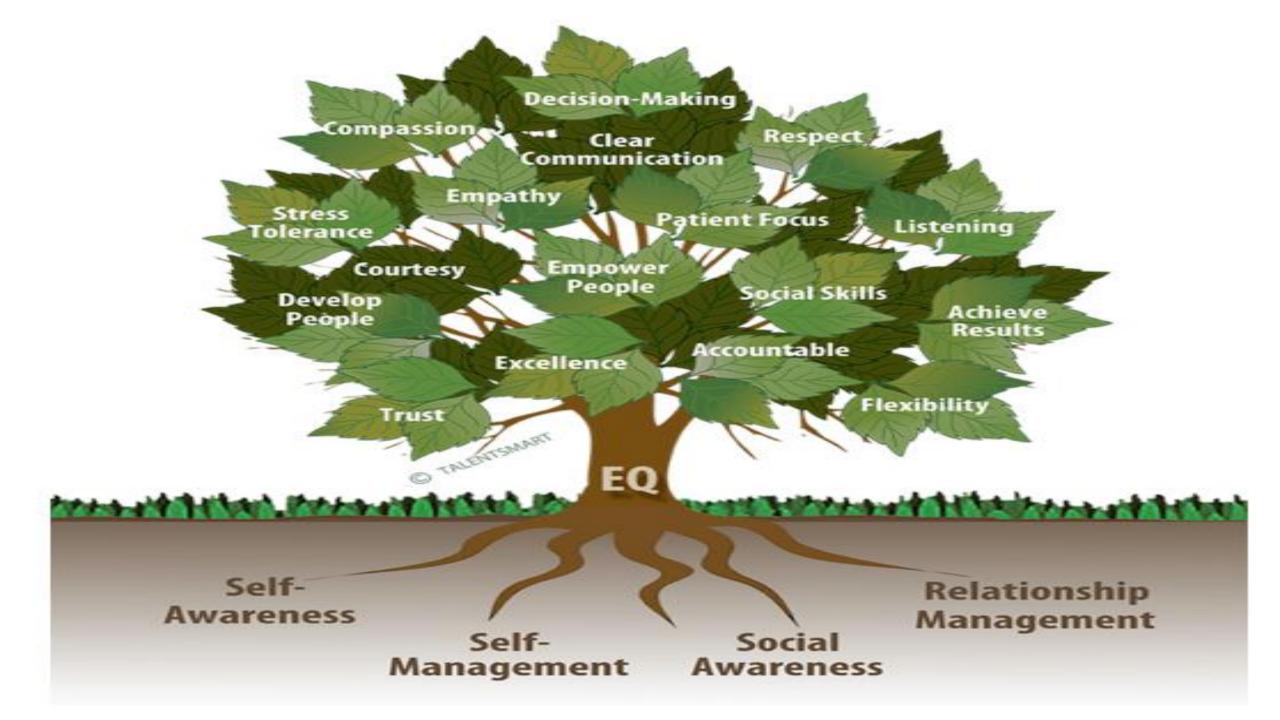
# Hopes

## Concerns

# Values

# Emotions

# Motivation





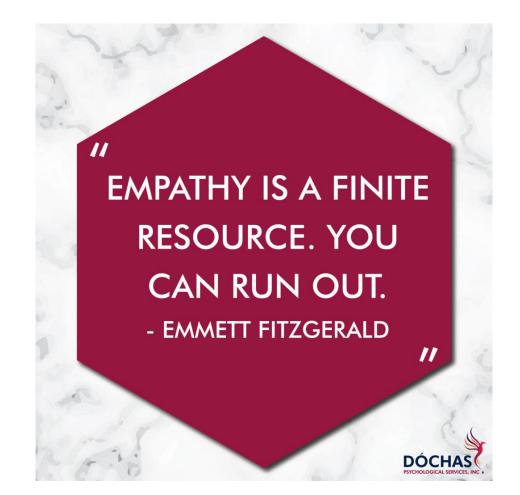




### **Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Empathy V** sympathy



### **Empathy Fatigue**



# **EMPLOYERS VALUE EI OVER IQ?**

In order of importance, employers say it's because those with high El...

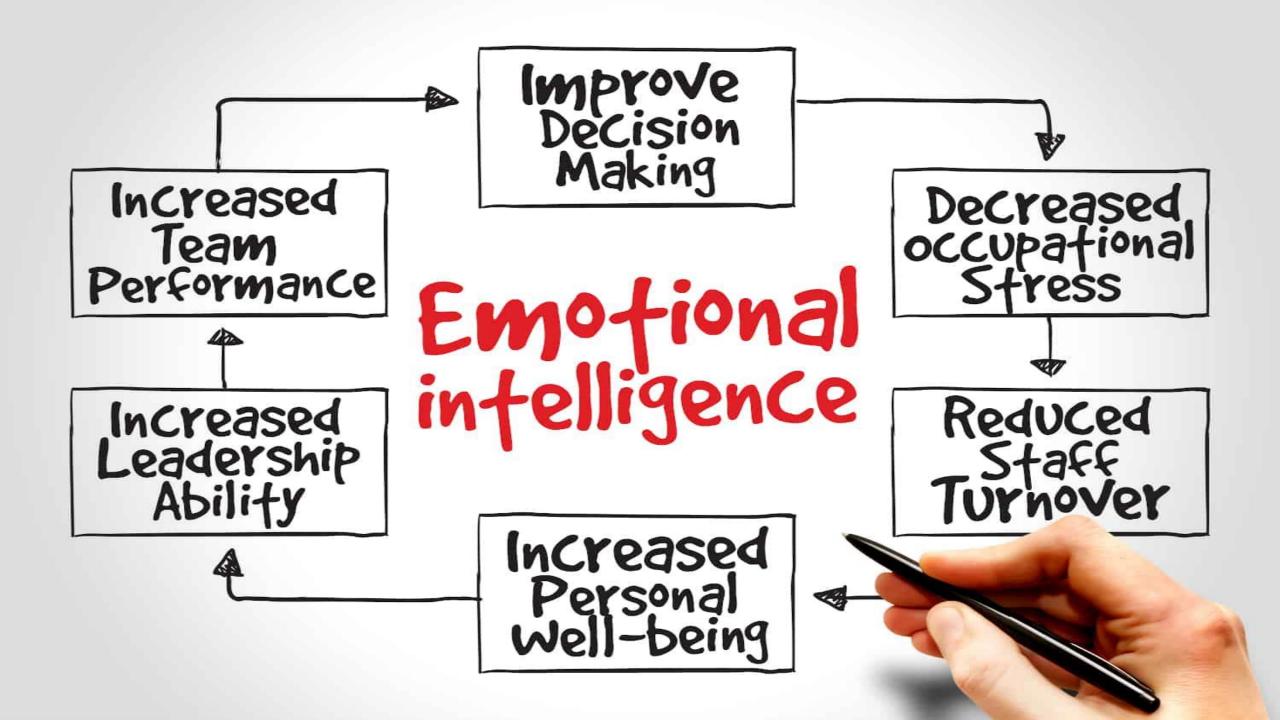
1) Usually remain calm under pressure

2) Resolve conflict effectively

3) Are empathetic to their colleagues — and act as such

4) Lead by example

### 5) May put more consideration into business decisions







- Aggressive Demanding Egotistical Bossy Confrontational
- Easily Distracted Glib Selfish Poor Listener Impulsive
- Resistant to Change Passive Un-Responsive Slow Stubborn
  - Critical Picky Fussy Hard to Please Perfectionistic





- Assertive Ambitious Driving Strong-Willed Decisive
- Warm Enthusiastic Sociable Charming Persuasive





- Patient Stable Predictable Consistent Good Listener
  - Detailed Careful Meticulous Systematic Neat

### **Empathy = Diversity & Inclusion ?**



### **The Diversity & Inclusion Matrix**

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Committed advocates, allies, and experts in the space, they live, eat, and breathe D&I. They know a lot about the issues and actively work toward change.



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#### The Bigot

They've "done their research" and think D&I efforts are a waste of time and money. Confident that they're "biased for a reason," they don't intend to change their mind.



Well-intentioned yet uninformed, their hearts are in the right place. They sometimes express ignorant ideas, unknowingly contributing to problems they want to see solved.



#### **The Bystander**

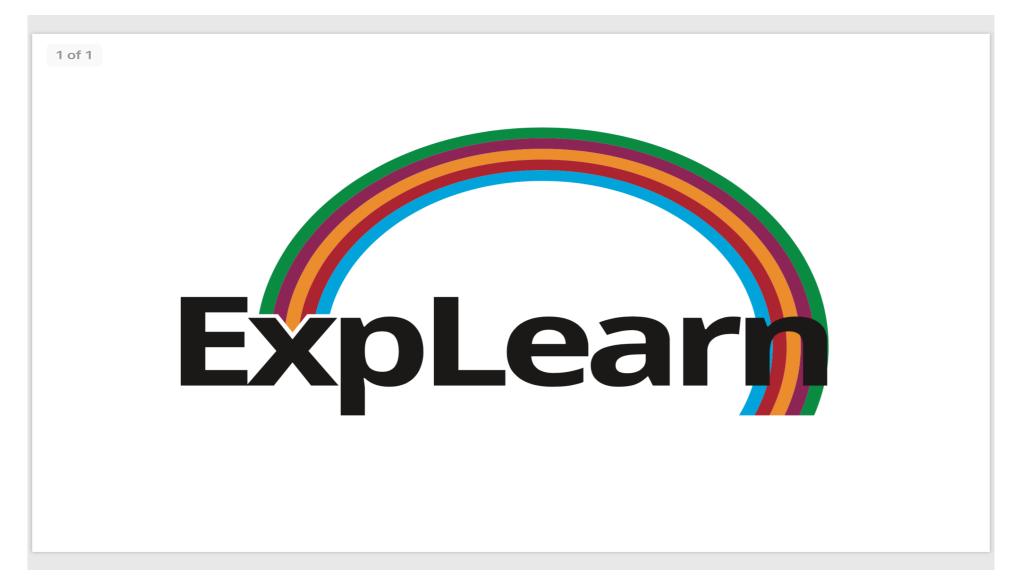
Largely indifferent, they do nothing to advance progress but little to actively hinder it, either. "D&I? Huh?" They're "busy" and "haven't really thought about it."

AGAINST

# Conclusion

- > Empathetic skills could help to understand the very essence of diversity
- > The "difference" should be acknowlegded and recognised to have effective Inclusion
- > Empathic skills trainings should be embedded in in the Curricula of Educational Institutions
- Direct connection between empathy, employability, and sustainable leadership skills

### "Out of the Comfort Zone"



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