

Body, mind, success: cultivating a positive body image

Why does it matter?

Feeling good about your body is not just a matter of aesthetics: it is key to mental well-being, self-confidence, healthy relationships, and even academic and professional success. A positive body image helps us live with more authenticity, energy, and serenity.

What is body image?

Body image is how we think and feel about our body: its physical appearance, the emotions it evokes in us, and the beliefs we hold about it. It can change over time and be positive, negative, or ambivalent. It profoundly influences our self-esteem and mental health.

When body image is negative...

- We constantly judge ourselves
- We perceive our bodies in a distorted way
- We believe we have to change in order to “be accepted”

These thoughts can arise from social pressure, diet culture, childhood experiences, or comparisons on social media. If left unaddressed, they can lead to:

- Low self-esteem
- Anxiety and depression
- Eating disorders
- Difficulty in relationships

The good news? It can be cured.

With small steps (and a dash of kindness towards ourselves), it is possible to transform the way we see ourselves. Positive body image is built with:

- Awareness
- Self-compassion
- Emotional support
- Healthy relationships

And above all: you can be healthy regardless of your size or body shape. Body size is largely genetic, while health depends on the choices we make every day, consciously or unconsciously, regarding:

- Physical activity
- Nutrition
- Thoughts and inner voice
- Clothing and personal care

All these aspects profoundly influence our physical and mental health. It is never too late to adopt healthy, personal habits that make us happy to be ourselves.

By celebrating our humanity with self-love and self-compassion, we can live in harmony with our bodies.

3 practical tools to take home

- Talk to yourself as you would to a friend.

Replace criticism with words of encouragement.

- Make a list of what your body allows you to do.

Walking, hugging, laughing... the body is a tool, not an ornament.

- Follow content that celebrates body diversity.

Choose media that makes you feel good, not inadequate.

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The image you have of yourself can change. And it can change your life.

With love,
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