## Shiatsu for a Positive New Year



Shiatsu based self-help practices can empower us to feel more in control of our health and life conditions. Using the simple practices below, or having a treatment from a professional practitioner, can help support your health and wellbeing.

#### What is Shiatsu?



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Shiatsu touch is caring, compassionate, nourishing, respectful. It affects the body, mind and emotions.

# Points and practices for positivity, moving forwards, future vision

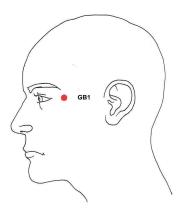


#### **Seasonal nutrition**

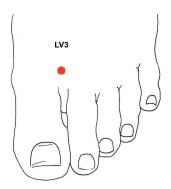
Small changes to our dietary habits can radically change our energy. Kick start each day with lemon juice in hot water to activate digestion. Add one more portion each of fruit and veg to your daily intake to enhance vitamin and mineral intake. Try organic brown rice or quinoa instead of pasta for nutrition packed carbs.

#### **Acupressure**

Guidance: Find the point, press as you breathe out, feel for warmth or tingling, and hold as long as it feels good. Press the points on both sides of the body.



GB1: brightens eyes and clears headaches

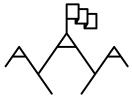


LV3: smooths emotional and physical blockage

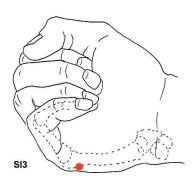
The images show points you can gently press to bring relief from specific symptoms, or support body and mind as required.

#### **Activity**

**Setting goals** 



Think about the things you've been meaning to do, then narrow them down to three attainable things you want to achieve this year. Now write those down or make a drawing or stick pictures on a board along with the positive words "I am / I have / I do..." Creative action helps us to make things real.



SI3: relieves stiff neck & headache, assists clear decision making



#### The Shiatsu Society UK

As the largest professional association for Shiatsu in the UK, the Shiatsu Society works to promote Shiatsu for all. Check out our website to find your nearest practitioner.

### **Activity**

#### Whole Body Dō-In

This traditional Japanese exercise stimulates circulation and the nervous system by tapping on meridian lines.

Vigorous tapping and pummelling can get you going in the morning; gentle smooth strokes helps to calm and relax in the evening. But apply the pressure that feels right for you.



Fingertips tapping on the head



Thumb round eyes & rub cheeks



With a loose fist tap down neck



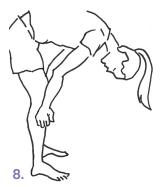
And along the shoulders



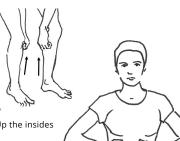
Tap on the insides of arms to the hand



Then back of arms from wrist to shoulders



Tap down outside of the legs



Up the insides



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Pummel down the back on either side of the spine

