

# Timmy the tumour

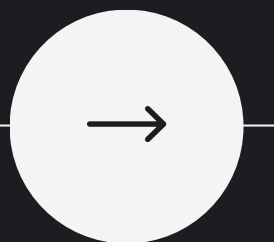
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I am not an expert.  
everything I talk about is my lived experience.

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**Let's start with an  
activity.**





**what if someone told  
you that these things  
don't matter?**

**what if someone told you how YOUR LIFE should look. Told you that the things you call strengths don't matter. Based on your disability or mental health diagnosis. Because you are different.**



# ABOUT ME.

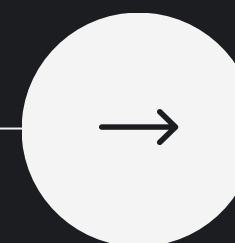
more importantly who is  
Timmy?

At the age of 3 I was diagnosed with Timmy the Tumour .

I should explain this is a brain tumour, specifically a benign pilocytic astrocytoma or Timmy for short!



# MEDICAL MODEL





# PEOPLE TOLD ME THAT...

- I was a failure
- Give up
- going to fail with or without support.
- stupid
- Tumour Boy

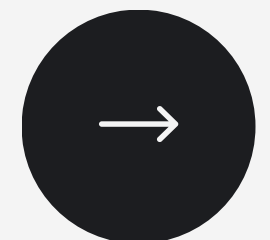




# WHAT IS IT LIKE TO LIVE WITH TIMMY?

*It's interesting to say the least.*

After undergoing surgery at age 3, I had another surgery at 6 years old. While maintaining my health through regular check-ups and MRIs I began living what you might call a 'normal' life. . Until my first year at University when...



**SOCIAL**

**MODEL**

**COMMUNITY.**

**AS A TEAM.**



# TIMMY REAPPEARED

Towards the end of my first year I began having signs and symptoms and knew something was wrong. However, people around me put it down to not enough sleep, bad diet and not taking care of myself.





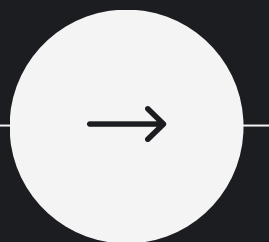
# A CONVERSATION WITH MY DOCTOR.

Am I going to be okay?..

After asking this question I felt a wave of emotion. Among the increase in feelings came fear because I was scared of things going wrong and didn't want things to go badly.



**WHAT DOES THIS  
MEAN IN PRACTICE?**



**YOU CAN LIVE  
WELL WITH A  
DIAGNOSIS.**

