Ensuring All Voices are Heard

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Voice to the voiceless and/or Amplifying voices

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How do the communities near you express themselves?

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What are the different responses to these communities?

Amplifying voices

How can our organizations help amplify voices?

Be weary of concepts like white savior, white fragility, whitewashing, or magical negros.

When I was your age, fully one-third of my brain was concerned with whom I was walking to school with, our precise number, the manner of our walk, the number of times I smiled, whom or what I smiled at, who offered a pound and who did not—all of which is to say that I practiced the culture of the streets, a culture concerned chiefly with securing the body.

-Ta Nehisi Coates, Between the World and Me

Creating Safe Spaces

Think about what someone's experience is when visiting your organization for the first time.

Creating Safe Spaces

<u>Organizational</u>

- Language access
- Low barrier to entry
- Accessible
- Welcoming

Interpersonal

- Tag team/ use your privilege
- Be curious
- Make room at the table

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Using some of the things we discussed, how can you or your organization help make people more comfortable and amplify their voices?

Questions???

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