

The Mosaic Institute

DIALOGUE WORKSHOP TOOLKIT

The Next Generation



COMMUNICATING IDENTITY & DIFFERENCE

What does social location mean? What impacts does our social location have on our lives and interactions with others? What parts of my identity do I love and which parts would I like to change? Students will develop the skills and knowledge to answer these questions in our 'Dialogue' workshop. A key part of resolving conflict and creating peace is self-awareness and learning how to listen and communicate with empathy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In this workshop, we will:

- Explore and reflect on the many aspects of our identity and the identities of others,
- Understand what our social location means and looks like,
- Understand what impact social location has on our lives & our interactions with others.

KEY LINKS - PLEASE OPEN PRIOR TO WORKSHOP

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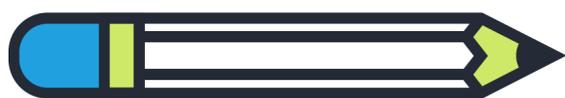
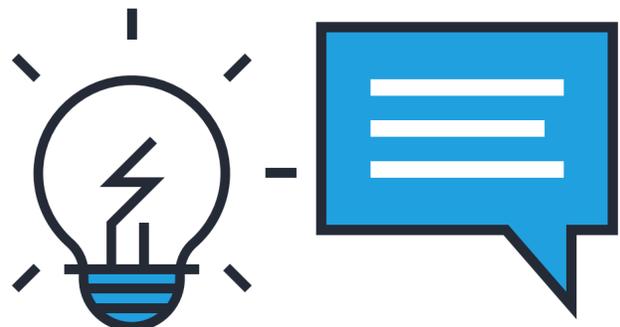
POWER FLOWER EXERCISE

(CLICK ABOVE FOR **FILLABLE PDF**, THEN CLICK DOWNLOAD)

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HEAD, HAND, HEART REFLECTION

THROUGH MENTIMETER (CODE WILL BE PROVIDED DURING WORKSHOP)



FOSTERING BRAVE VIRTUAL SPACES

IN THIS SPACE, WE AGREE TO PRACTISE:

1. "Controversy with civility," - multiple perspectives, viewpoints and opinions are accepted,
2. "Owning intentions and impacts," - we are accountable for our words & actions,
3. "Challenge by choice," - option to 'pass' or step in and out of triggering (unsafe) conversation,
4. "Respect," - understanding what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like is a requirement,
5. "No attacks," - we agree not to intentionally inflict harm on one another.

Taken from: *The Art of Effective Facilitation: Reflections From Social Justice Educators* by Brian Arao and Kristi Clemens (2013).

NEXT STEPS

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Step One

Complete our pre-workshop feedback form by clicking here

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Step Two

Open all links on your device and test them prior to workshop and let us know of any tech issues.

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Step Three

Ensure you are logged in to your Google account and access your Google Meet or Zoom class on time.

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Step Four

After the workshop, complete our feedback form by clicking here.



ABOUT THE MOSAIC INSTITUTE

The Mosaic Institute is a charitable not-for-profit organization founded in 2007. Mosaic is a think-and-do tank, which brings together people, communities, and states, to strengthen pluralism and to resolve conflicts.

We believe that Canada's diversity is not a problem to be solved, but rather the solution to many of Canada's and the world's conflicts.

Mosaic is a platform for innovative peace dialogues that bring different people together to share, listen, learn, and act to end conflict. At the heart of the Mosaic Model of Dialogue: we bring groups at strife to a common table for talks, to share their experience and positions, to build mutual empathy and understanding, and to create common ground.

We are a national platform operating through Track II diplomacy; people-to-people engagement to foster mutual understanding and to create strategies for peaceful coexistence. This involves a combination of dialogue, research, and public programming.

ABOUT NEXT GENERATION

The Next Generation program supports young people with the tools to dismantle prejudice, address root causes of conflict and become leaders for a more just world. Our tailored curriculum enables students to:

- ➡ practise self-awareness by exploring their identities and biases,
- ➡ navigate respectful, yet challenging conversations and resolve conflicts by finding common ground,
- ➡ engage as changemakers who are active members in their local communities.

DIALOGUE

Interactive exercises designed to teach students how to listen to each other, as well as how to understand and navigate local and global issues by aligning divergent perspectives.

RESEARCH

Fostering research skills, like critical thinking encourages youth to go beyond the surface and dig deeper when discussing social issues. Next Gen supports youth-led research projects rooted in inquiry-based and project-based learning models.

ACTION

Student-led action projects encourage participants to apply what they have learned during the workshops outside of the classroom, building leadership skills and exploring what it means to be an active and engaged citizen.

DIGITAL LEARNING HUB

A student-centred platform that allows youth and teachers to learn, connect and share ideas and opinions. The Hub aims to develop media literacy skills by modelling and providing students with opportunities to practise responsible digital citizenship that is required for engaging on social media platforms in the 21st century.



Students

Activate youth leadership by training high school students to peacefully navigate polarizing situations



Educators

Equip teachers to reduce barriers in the classroom by connecting curricular content to their students' intersecting identities

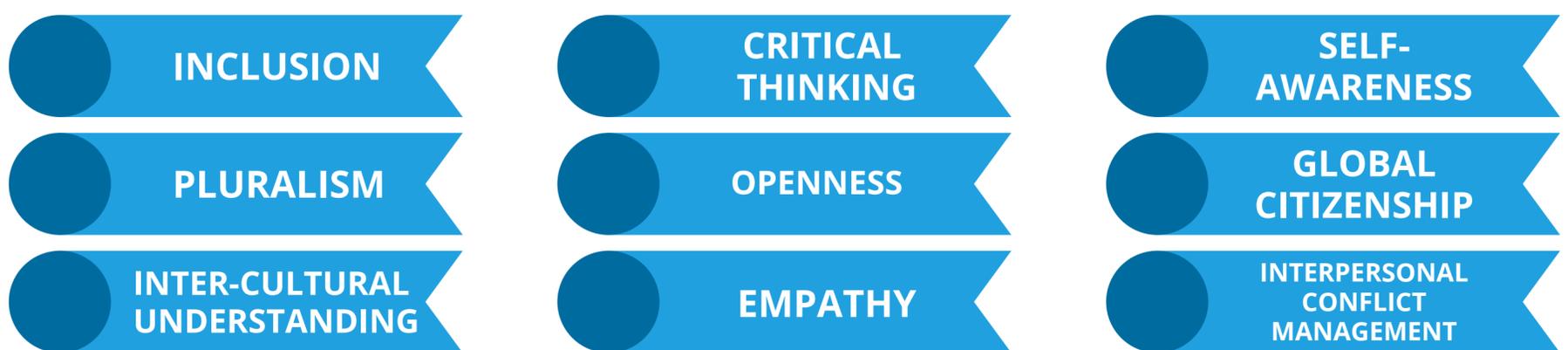


Community

Create a resilient civic ecosystem by mobilizing community actors

NEXT GENERATION CURRICULUM

Generously sponsored by the RBC Foundation, our free program is anti-racist, culturally relevant and trauma-informed. Our interdisciplinary curriculum meets Ontario curriculum expectations and engages students and teachers in the newest and most progressive research in education available. We partner with educators to customize our programming to meet the needs of your students and school. Our program strengthens capacity for students to become the next generation of leaders in:



THE MOSAIC MODEL



DIALOGUE

We are a platform for innovative peace dialogues that bring different people together to learn and act to end conflict.



RESEARCH

Our work is built on a foundation of rigorous, impartial, public research. We believe that the shortest path to peaceful solutions is the one that follows truth.



ACTION

We deploy programs that develop the skills and qualities in youth to become the next generation of leaders in inclusion and pluralism. We also hold public events to raise the level of public discourse and engagement on issues related to conflict, our responsibilities towards one another, our legitimate expectations of one another, and Canada's place in the world.

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