







How can I exercise inclusive leadership?

How do we create a community of belonging for all?

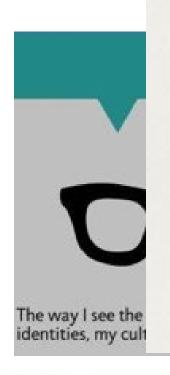












We do not see things AS THEY ARE.

We see things AS WE ARE.

ANAÏS NIN
Seduction of the Minotaur











Select one of your identities that is important to you. How might you see the world differently from someone who does not have that same identify?

History/Ancestral Heritage Family Structure

Religion/Faith

Foods we eat or don't eat

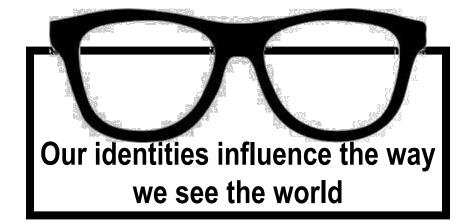
Languages Ability

VALUES

Political Beliefs

Age

GENDER



Personality
Traits

Culture/ Cultural Traditions

Sexual orientation

Social Class

Neighborhoods we grew up in

Relationship Status

Neighborhoods we live in now

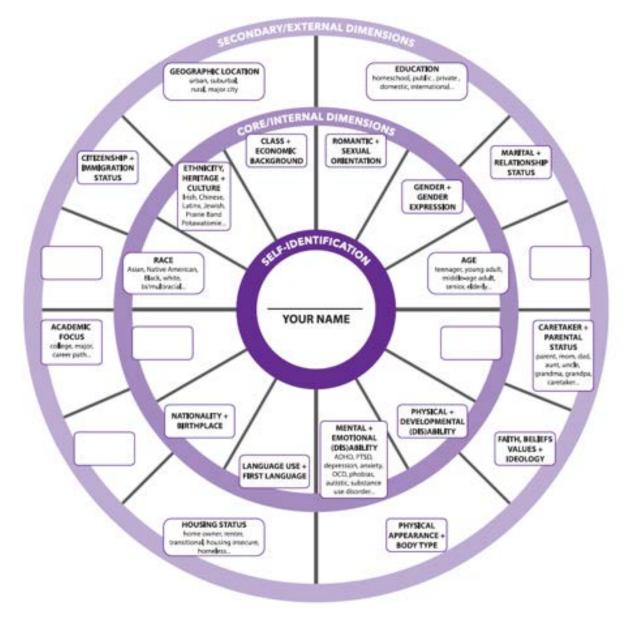
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Your identities matter

Social Identity Wheel

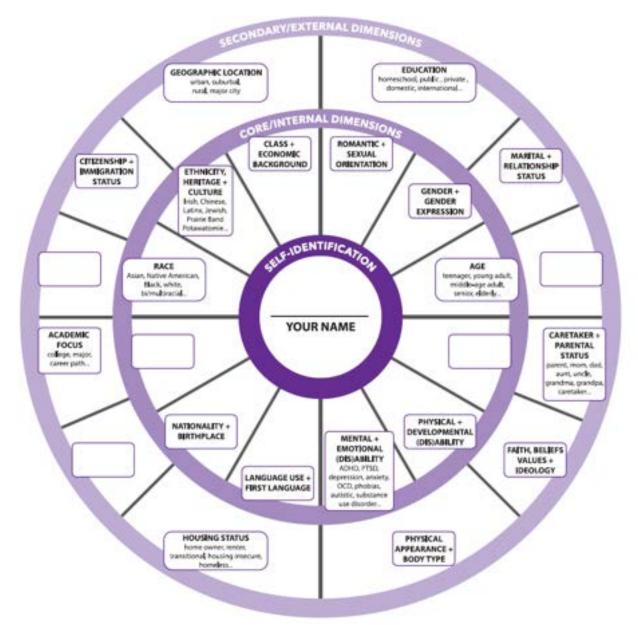
Adapted from "Voices of Discovery," Intergroup Relations, University of Arizona











- 1. Tell a story about a time when you felt like you belonged because of an identity you hold? What happened?
- 2. What parts of your identity are you least comfortable sharing with other people in your community and why? Or, when have you felt excluded, othered, or left out because of an identity you hold?









When have I *criticized* difference?



When have I been *curious* about difference?







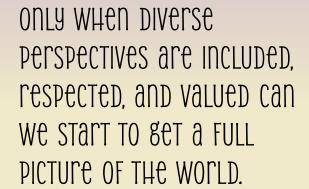


True belonging doesn't require us to change who we are; it requires us to BE who we are.

Dr. Brené Brown

In order to empathize with someone's experience you must be willing to believe them as they see it and not how you imagine their experience to be.

When we look away from the pain of any people, we diminish their humanity and our own.



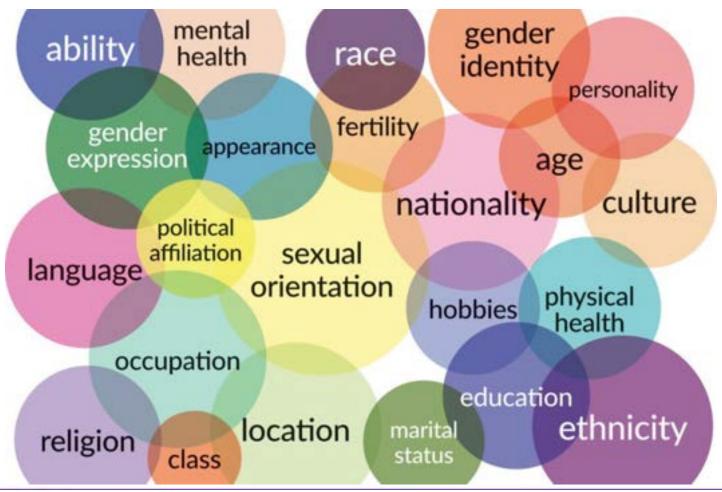








Intersectionality











What is Inclusive Leadership?

The **intentional and ethical practice** of leadership actions and processes that ...

affirms the identity	
actively includes	
acknowledges the needs	

...of all constituents.









HOW DO I ...

Affirm the Identity, Actively Include, & Acknowledge the Needs

of all the people in my group, team, or community?

Strategies for Inclusive Leadership

Inclusive leadership requires critical thinking and intentional actions.



Recognize my own Blind Spots How do I view and respond to difference?



Expand my
Experience
Am I seeking out
new experiences
and people to
engage with?



Empathy
Do I seek to
understand
others'
perspectives?

Am I curious or critical?

In what ways do you welcome opportunities to grow as an inclusive leader...or do you shut down and retreat to what is comfortable?









Why are inclusion & care essential for exercising leadership?

- People in authority cannot be effective and influential with constituents they do not relate to, understand, or care about.
- Most people in authority often do not include such constituent groups in the various leadership processes and actions.
- People with authority may not look out for the interests of such constituent groups.
- Followers may not be effective participants in the leadership process when they feel marginalized, misunderstood and minimized by their leaders.













I am a person who holds these identities...and beliefs









Sharing Power









