

DEIJ Community Group – Event Planning Notes

In Attendance: Rachael Blansett, Jim Morse, Valerie Wolfson, Giana Gelsey, Rheanna Cote

Tuesday, February 6th 2024

NAME: Building Bridges? Cultivating Community? Creating Community? Building Belonging? Seen & Heard???

THEME: Belonging/Storytelling/Building Community

- Addressing the complexity of the human experience

TIME: 2hrs (1h30m for actual content; 30mins for transition/prep time)

DATE: Thursday, May 2nd

LOCATION: Concert Hall to Learning Commons

FORMAT:

- Snacks?
- Opening: Mission statement about belonging
 - o Being seen & heard
 - o What kind of community do we want to create?
 - o How can we support each other in the community?
- Panel
 - o 3-4 people; diverse life experiences; adults-only
 - PoC (BLMNH? Racial Unity Team?)
 - Class (Jim?)
 - Gender/Sexuality (Seacoast Outright)
 - Disability/Neurodivergent (Tina Greco?)
 - Immigration (Refugee Center in Manchester)
- Small group discussions
 - o What was your first experience with race?
 - o Talk about a time where you felt like you truly belonged?

TO DO:

- Design small group & panel questions
- Identify orgs/people for panel; outreach to top choices
- Write opening statement on belonging
- Inquire about honorariums
- Ask about snacks for tables
- Reserve spaces
- Create flyer & email communication