**Story Sharing Circles**

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1. ***Round 1: Getting Acquainted***
   * Get into your small groups of 3-4 people.
   * Go around the circle, each person introduces themselves using the below prompts\*.
   * Each person should share in ***2 minutes or less***.
   * Allow each person to share without interruptions, comments, or questions.

* ***I am*** *(2-3 adjectives that describe you)*
* ***I come from****…(a place, a feeling)*
* ***I feel awesome when*** *…*

1. ***Round 2: Listening for Understanding***
   * *Go around the circle, each person shares a story* related to the below prompt.
   * Each person should share in **3 minutes or less.**
   * Allow each person to share without interruptions, comments, or questions.

* *Describe a time when you realized you believed in a stereotype that was not true. The stereotype can be about yourself, about a group you are part of, OR a group you are not part of. Describe what happened.*

1. **Flashbacks**

* Start with the first person in the circle who shared their story.
* Each person (other than the storyteller) shares a memorable part of the story.
* Share your insight in **15 seconds or less**
* Once everyone has shared their insights for the 1st person, go to the 2nd person. Continue sharing until you have had “flashbacks” for everyone in your circle.

1. **Debrief**

* *What common themes did you hear from the stories?*
* *What surprised you?*
* *What did you learn about yourself?*
* *What will you do now after having this experience?*
* *How might you use this technique within your organization and agency?* 
  + - *With the community?*
    - *What prompts might you use?*

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*Reference for the session: Deardroff, D.* [*Manual for Developing Intercultural Competencies Story Circles*](C://Users/amand/OneDrive%20-%20Amanda%20Cornett/Projects/Current/ELPH/Manual%20for%20developing%20intercultural%20competencies_%20story%20circles%20-%20UNESCO%20Digital%20Library.pdf)*. UNESO, 2020.*

*\*Get Acquainted prompts from:* [*Tapping the Potential of Community Engagement Playbook (*](https://www.nexuscp.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/TTP_PLAYbook-v53.pdf)*pg. 8)*.