**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**. 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)*.