

Transforming White Privilege Curriculum Facilitation Self-Assessment

This Facilitation Self-Assessment is for the facilitation team to review and discuss. It would be helpful to first individually take a moment and reflect on your experiences with facilitating workshops on structural racism and white privilege. *This is not a test.* It is an opportunity to individually, and collectively reflect on your self-awareness and experience in facilitating, for a few reasons:

- To acknowledge what supports you may need to facilitate TWP curriculum.
- To consider the experience of a co-facilitator, in someone who can complement your facilitation.
- To decide individually if you are ready, based on your own awareness and experience to facilitate at this time. And if not, what will be your learning plan going forward.

After you individually complete the self-assessment, and the facilitation team compares notes, then you can identify how each facilitation team member can contribute and where support may be needed. There is not an expectation that to facilitate the TWP curriculum each team member needs to have all items checked off in the right two columns. Though you do want to be thoughtful of having a mix of experiences in each area. Please make sure to review the Facilitator's Guide which provides specific areas of knowledge and skills that will be critical for facilitating.

We encourage also to have a discussion of each team member's contributions in the context of individual social identities (e.g. race, gender, sexual orientation). Again, there is not a right or wrong answer yet rather there is an importance to discuss the team's balance of self-awareness, knowledge and skills in the context of individual identities and power within your facilitation team. And ask questions from a process point – what is the impact on the team, and the impact on the group? e.g. If the team member of color is very knowledgeable with the content and the white team member is more experienced with facilitation – what might be the impact and how you can you as a team prepare?

Finally, after completing the self-assessment, discuss it with someone with more facilitation experience than you, "an elder." It is an opportunity for you to think with this person about your current awareness and experiences with facilitating workshops on structural racism and white privilege, and how you can continue to grow and deepen your learning and skills.

For each area below, we separated out what will be critical strengths for a TWP curriculum facilitation team and also provide additional areas (in italics) you may want to assess as you consider your individual learning and growth as a facilitator.

Self Awareness	Not usually	Sometimes	Usually	Almost Always
I am aware when to step back and step forward when I am co-facilitating				
I am aware when to step back and step forward based on my different social identities in the context of my power and privilege.				
I am aware of my reactions to different emotions.				
I feel confident responding and being supportive for a range of emotions shared by participants.				
I am aware not to allow my issues and/or agenda to interfere with the group process.				
I share my triggers with my co-facilitator and discuss how to respond.				
I can focus on engaging the best within each individual participant, even when I am triggered.				
I remain in my facilitator role while sharing personal experiences with the goal of providing information, modelling or moving the group.				
<i>I engage in self-reflection as a regular practice.</i>				
<i>I take time after a workshop to assess what went well and what I may need to change.</i>				
<i>I continue to seek opportunities to deepen my knowledge and increase my skills.</i>				
<i>I solicit feedback from peers on the effectiveness of my facilitation.</i>				
<i>I demonstrate my commitment to racial equity in my personal choices.</i>				
<i>I demonstrate my commitment to racial equity through my work in my own community.</i>				
Knowledge	Starting	Basic	Advance	Experience
Knowledge about other racial identity groups other than my own.				
Knowledge about structural racism and system of inequity.				

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Knowledge	Starting	Basic	Advance	Experience
Knowledge of white privilege and culture.				
Knowledge of cultural dominance and power.				
Experience of using the knowledge of structural racism and white privilege in creating change in different spheres of influence.				
<i>Knowledge of implicit bias.</i>				
<i>Knowledge of the history of racism.</i>				
<i>Knowledge of intersectionality.</i>				
<i>Knowledge of <u>Strategic Questioning</u> developed by Fran Peavey.</i>				
<i>Knowledge of racial identity development theory.</i>				
Facilitation Experience	Starting	Basic	Advance	Experience
Experience co-facilitating with a person of a different racial identity.				
Experience facilitating workshops on structural racism.				
Experience facilitating workshops on white privilege and culture.				
Experience facilitating workshops on individual/ interpersonal/cultural/institutional racism.				
Experience facilitating workshops on internalized racism and superiority.				
Experience with building relationships in a group that is multiracial.				
Experience modifying a design of a workshop based on the needs of the participants.				
Experience observing patterns in a group e.g. who is speaking/who isn't, who is acknowledge/who isn't.				
Experience actively engaging multiracial groups in discussions about structural racism.				

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Facilitation Experience	Starting	Basic	Advance	Experience
Experience actively engaging multiracial groups in discussions about white privilege and culture.				
Experience modifying message to meet people where they are based on their understanding about racism.				
Experience of effectively working through a group conflict.				
Experience with facilitating highly emotional discussions.				
<i>Experience facilitating workshops on history of racism.</i>				
<i>Experience facilitating racial caucuses.</i>				
<i>Experience identifying the stage the group is at in the current moment.</i>				
<i>Experience in being vulnerable and sharing missteps and/or challenges as a learning tool.</i>				
<i>Demonstrate effective questioning skills – e.g. to engage, to understand, to move a group.</i>				
<i>Demonstrate effectively managing time to reach workshop objectives.</i>				
<i>Demonstrate ways to engage participants with different learning styles.</i>				

The following are a few resources that you may want to explore as you continue to deepen your knowledge and skill:

Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice: A Sourcebook, Maurianne Adams and Lee Ann Bell with Diane Goodman and Khyati Joshi. 2016.

Teaching and Learning Anti-Racism: A Developmental Approach, Louise Derman Sparks. 1997.

Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice, Paul Kivel. 2011.

Racial Equity Tools site, Training and Popular Education section.

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/resources/act/strategies/training-and-popular-education>