

# Walking the Talk of

# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion from Inside

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#### **Session Goals**

- Share:
  - How an organizational audit can increase accountability to a vision of DEI.
  - an institutional framework for DEI learning.
- Discuss how to engage staff in using DEI audit results
- Address challenges
- Understand the national landscape.



#### Agenda

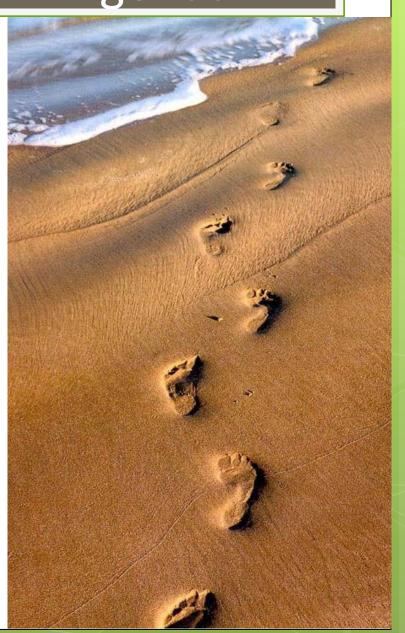
2:15 Introductions

2:30 An Institutional
Framework for
Learning &
Accountability to
Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion (DEI)

2:35 The Story of TCE's Journey

2:50 **Fishbowl**: National D5 Director, Foundation, Evaluation Perspectives

3:20 **Closing Activity** 



#### Audience Poll

#### 1. Type of Foundation

- a) Community Foundation
- b) Family Foundation
- c) National Foundation
- d) Statewide Foundation

#### 2. Experience with DEI

a) Vision Statement of DEI



#### Agreements

- Assume good intentions.
- Be willing to be uncomfortable.
- Check for assumptions.
- Commit to not blaming or attacking.
- Be aware of own privilege & positional power
- Take responsibility for sharing back, while honoring confidentiality.
- Have fun!



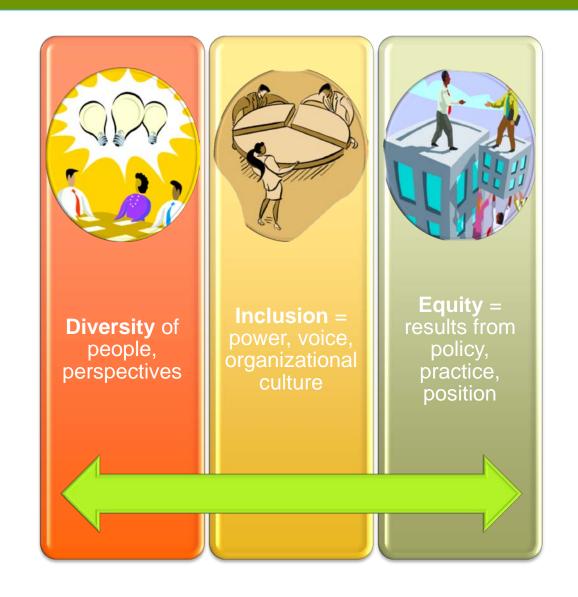
#### **Share Pairs**

- 1. Why are you interested in the topic of DEI? What are your burning questions?
- 2. What is your organization's readiness to have conversations about diversity, equity and inclusion?

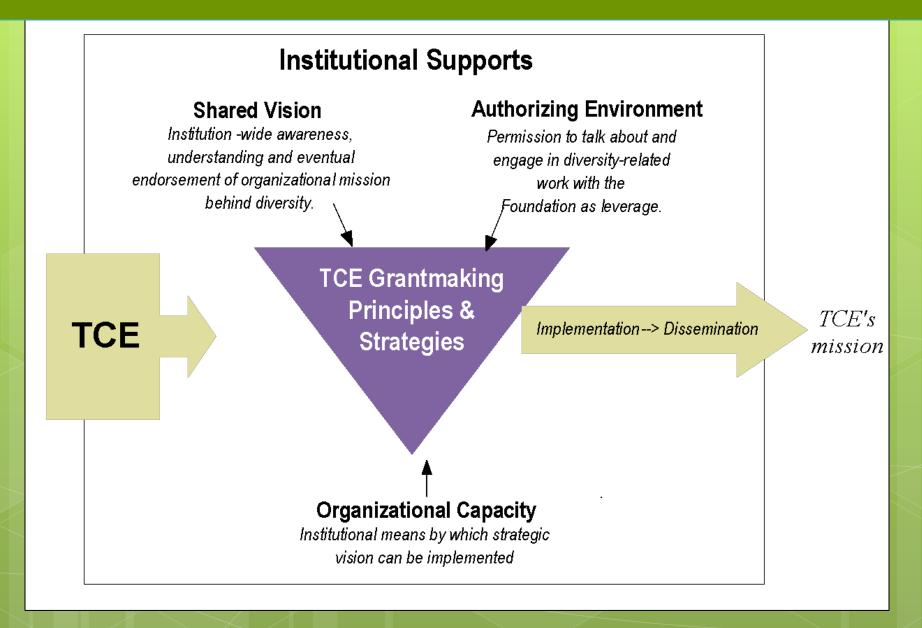




#### Distinctions Among Diversity, Inclusion & Equity



#### Institutional Framework for Learning & Accountability



## The Story of TCE's Journey

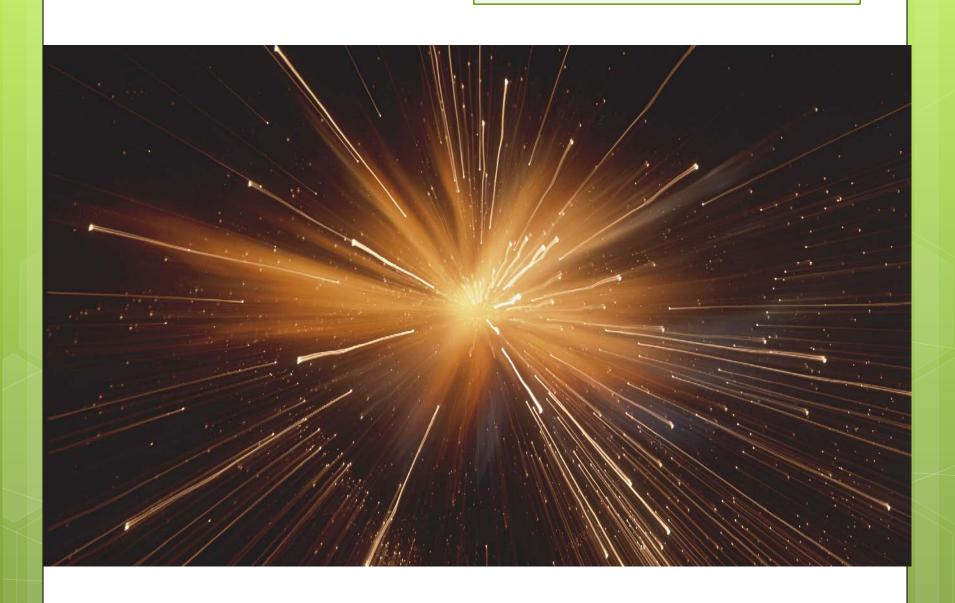


#### Voice





## Our Big Bang



#### Being Proactive

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## Laying the Foundation

#### Building Collective Leadership



#### The How

# The Diversity Audit Contributes to Organizational Learning

**Learning Areas** 

Components

#### **Building Healthy Communities**

What is TCE learning across Campaigns and BHC sites?

- TCE Goals
- Cross Site Learning System
- Strategic Review
- Campaign Level Evaluations

#### Organizational Learning

What can TCE learn about how we function so that we can make improvements?

- Diversity Audit
- Center for Effective
   Philanthropy Surveys

#### Components

#### TCE's Commitment to DEI

- Definition includes race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and geographic diversity.
- Essential to organizational effectiveness and excellence, and that services are enhanced when organizations are reflective of communities being served.
- Our commitment to diversity is reflected in the composition of our staff, management, and Board of Directors, using diverse vendors, contractors and consultants, and promoting equal opportunity through our business transactions.
- Committed to discuss issues related to diversity and inclusion with grantees and applicants.
- Data related to governance, management, staff composition and asked of grant applicants, as appropriate.
- TCE participate in and support efforts of peer funders to increase diversity and inclusion in the field of philanthropy.

#### Components

#### The Diversity Audit consists of:

Done

Staff & Board Demographic Survey

Done

Staff & Board Benchmarking Survey:

Done

Staff Interviews

Done

Demographic Surveys of Partners

Done

Document Review

#### Results

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#### Areas of Strength

"Diversity is an ongoing point of discussion at the Board level. I also appreciate the goal to influence philanthropy by setting the standard."

- Board member

- Strength in Board and staff diversity
- Staff experience a highly authorizing environment
- Approach to diversity reflect complexity & nuanced understanding
- Increased diversity among investment managers and social responsible investing
- More robust data collection tools
- Strong grantmaking focused on communities, equity, and disparities
- Visible & committed philanthropic leadership

TCE's Journey

### Challenges



#### Results

#### **Areas Requiring Attention**

"There are a handful of [questions] among 60 performance goals.
But DEI as a performance factor, does not weigh that high.

There is an assumption at TCE that we work on these and do well compared to other foundations, [but] I wouldn't say it is as explicit as it could be."

- Executive Leader

- Elements of Diversity Vision and Plan out of date and not widely known
- Staff desire more training and deeper dialogue about diversity.
- Diversity effort much more diffused, thus, accountability mechanisms can be clearer
- Data collection processes and analysis need attention
- More focus on LGBTQ, Latinos, disability, gender diversity

#### Implications for Action

#### Clarify

- Management of diffused diversity efforts
- Performance measures

## Continued Development

- Refresh the Diversity Plan and share along with diversity vision across staff
- Sustain diversity discussions and training throughout TCE
- Improve data collection practices

#### Excel

- Engage in critical examination, annually
  - ✓ Staff and Board diversity data to decide if action is needed
  - ✓ Grantmaking: LGBTQ funding and investment in minority led organizations

#### **Next Steps**

Activity	Timeframe
Finalize draft report	July
Deliver final report to Board	August Board Meeting
Diversity Workgroup meeting to discuss recommended changes to Diversity Plan	Late Summer
Executive Team review recommended changes to the Diversity Plan	Fall
Share results with staff and partners in the field	Late Fall
Start action planning -Data Use -Training	Winter

#### Resources





























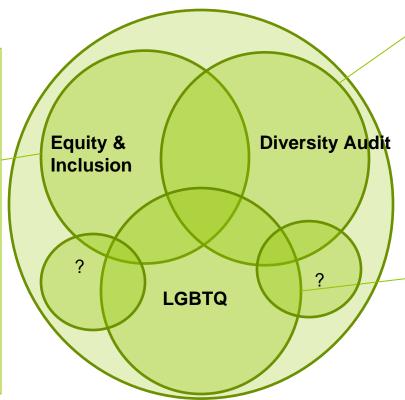




#### Resources: Workgroups

Intersection: Creating space for DEI discussions, improved organizational learning and operations, and trainings

Support TCEwide efforts to integrate the values of equity, inclusion, and diversity in all policies, practices, processes, organizational culture, and other systemic levels



Review findings, create, and implement an action plan in response to the Diversity Audit.

Create a supportive environment where the inclusion of LGBTQ issues and populations are understood as integral to the foundation's goals and work, that maximizes existing strengths within The Endowment, and provides time and space to build staff capacity and knowledge.

#### **Our Evolution Continues**









#### **State of the Nation & Practice**





#### Imagine philanthropy...

- achieves lasting impact by drawing on the power of diverse staffs and boards
- forges genuine partnerships with diverse communities
- increases access to opportunities and resources

#### for all people.

## Four Big Goals



1. Recruit diverse leaders for foundations—including CEOs, staff, and trustees



2. Increase **funding** for diverse communities and ensure that foundations offer all constituencies equal opportunity to access the resources they need



3. Improve data collection and transparency so we can measure progress



4. Identify the best actions we can take in our organizations to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion

#### Postcard to Self

- 1. One or two key lessons I am taking away from today's session.
- 2. How I will apply what I've learned in my work and organization moving forward.

