

LAST CALL

SOLUTIONS FOR TRICKY (BUT COMMON)
DIVERSITY SCENARIOS

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HOUSEKEEPING

You can hear us, we cannot hear you!

Can't hear?

- Try turning up your volume
- Call in by phone or use your computer headphones

Have a question?

- Use the chat box, any time. Will have time at the end and after the webinar.
- If you have questions for me after email director@thefoldcanada.org

Downloads

- Slide Presentation and other materials
- Webinar Recording will be available on Ontario Presents site



CHAT BOX

Name, City, and size of your core team

TODAY

Hot Topics and Specific Questions

PAST WEBINARS

Beyond "Diversity": Embracing Inclusion, Expanding the Arts

Avoiding Tokenism: Delivering Diverse and Inclusive Programming

Get it Write: Writing Powerful Proposals in a Diverse Cultural Climate

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1. When you use the "if you build it, they will come" philosophy...and it doesn't work.

- Get to know the community personally
- Attend an event within that community consider what's similar and different from your own
- Don't judge it, just ask "how can we be more like this?"
- Try to understand more deeply the personal stories, the people
- If possible, involve them in your plans, build relationships
- Consider how you can involve people from that community on your board, staff, or planning team?

2. When you bungle the "diversity thing", and you find yourself in hot water.

- Admit where you went wrong.
- Do not argue the merits of your decision or your reasoning, until you have genuinely listened and apologized for the oversight.
- Consider all the options and weigh each one VERY carefully.
 Take time...but not TOO much time, to do this well.
- Address the decision with the people/person affected first, and make a plan for how to handle it publicly together.

3. When you get the importance of RADICAL inclusion...but your team doesn't.

- Address the issue with the team as a whole, preferably in person.
- Listen and then reinforce your position calmly and rationally, see if there are any others who agree.
- Consider getting outside help, trying again, or leaving (if the situation is severe)



TAKE THE POLL

Do you have detailed accessibility info on your website? If someone used a walker or was on crutches, would they know what to expect at your venue(s)?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Kind
- 4. N/A

4. When you realize, you're not nearly as accessible as you think.

- Fix it. Right away.
- Listing that you are accessible is not enough.
- People with disabilities need to know a lot more than "the building is fully accessible" – how far are the parking spots from the entrance to the building and the event? How far are the washrooms? Do the washrooms have a large enough turning radius – have you checked?
- If you're building is not accessible, do something about it RIGHT AWAY.

SELF-ASSESSMENT SURVEY

On a scale of 1-10...(10 being "very" and 1 being "not at all")

- 1. How diverse is your organization?
- 2. How diverse is the outlook of your organization?
- 3. How diverse is the audience for your organization?

Programming...

- 1. Where are you doing your best programming (what kind of person)?
- 2. In terms of programming, for whom do you need to do the most work people of colour, disabled, women?

Audience...

- 1. In terms of audience, amongst what group do you get the best results? The worst?
- 2. In 2017, what marginalized group either artists OR audience members (or both) are you going to intentionally support and intentionally develop a relationship with?

PRESENT DIVERSELY

ENGAGE (WITH THE ARTS) DIVERSELY

LIVE DIVERSELY

FINAL CHAT BOX 1. What's your BIGGEST take away?

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK! <u>Take Survey</u>

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