

# Diversity and inclusion

How do we increase the participation of underrepresented communities in philanthropy as volunteers, donors, and staff by welcoming and valuing diversity?

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This session is about how to create fundraising strategies to go out there and tap the money and assets that are just sitting out there in these communities.

The "new face" of philanthropy is not really new at all. Diverse communities have not only been involved in philanthropic work for decades, they're a critical element as we move forward.

"Inclusion is not a matter of political correctness. It is the key to growth." — Jesse Jackson





The session is divided into 3 parts:

- Understanding "Diversity"
- Advantages of the Diverse organization
- Increasing diversity across the organization (staff, volunteers, donors)





# Part 1 - Understanding "Diversity"

#### Two metaphors:

Metaphor 1: One of these things is not like the other (differences in characteristics or "diversity markers")

Metaphor 2: Apex predator (differences in power)





### Metaphor 1

One of these things is not like the other (differences in characteristics or "diversity markers")

Age

Sexual orientation

Gender

Race

Ethnicity

Religion

Linguistic

Geography

Socioeconomic class

Other



#### When characteristics overlap

Immigrants to Canada are much more likely to give to religious organizations than are those born in Canada, and they give a larger proportion of the money they donate to these organizations. They are almost twice as likely to say they donate because of religious obligations.

Source: Thirty Years of Giving in Canada, Executive Summary, Fondation Rideau Hall Foundation, Imagine Canada



#### Apex predator (dingo) Introduced Introduced mesopredator (fox\*) herbivore (rabbit\*) (A) Diverse (B) (c) native plants Diverse native predators (D) 👃 Introduced (E) plants Introduced small animal (cane toad\*)

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# Metaphor 2

Apex predator (differences in power)

Highly complex Contingent on the ecosystem Constantly evolving





## Metaphor 2

"I am not the Catholic candidate for president.

I am the Democratic party's candidate for president, who happens also to be a Catholic.

I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me,"

- JFK

Address to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association, delivered 12 September 1960 at the Rice Hotel in Houston, TX





# Part 2 - Advantages of the Diverse organization

# The importance of diversity within organizations – Staff and Volunteers

"Diversity used to be a box that companies checked. But today, diversity is directly tied to company culture and financial performance. Our data shows that 78% of companies prioritize diversity to improve culture and 62% do so to boost financial performance."

"Growing evidence that diverse teams are more productive, more innovative, and more engaged also make it hard to ignore."

Global Recruiting Trends by LinkedIn



"When we listen and celebrate what is both common and different, we become wiser, more inclusive, and better as an organization." — Pat Wadors

Wadors, Chief Talent Officer at ServiceNow, is a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion efforts, and also cultivating a sense of belonging for employees.



"A diverse mix of voices leads to better discussions, decisions, and outcomes for everyone." — Sundar Pichai

A report on inclusive decision making by Cloverpop showed impressive results: Inclusive teams make better business decisions up to 87% of the time. And decisions made and executed by diverse teams delivered 60% better results.



"We are building products that people with very diverse backgrounds use, and I think we all want our company makeup to reflect the makeup of the people who use our products." — Sheryl Sandberg

Over time, we've seen a number of unfortunate mistakes made by teams that may have lacked diversity and perspective



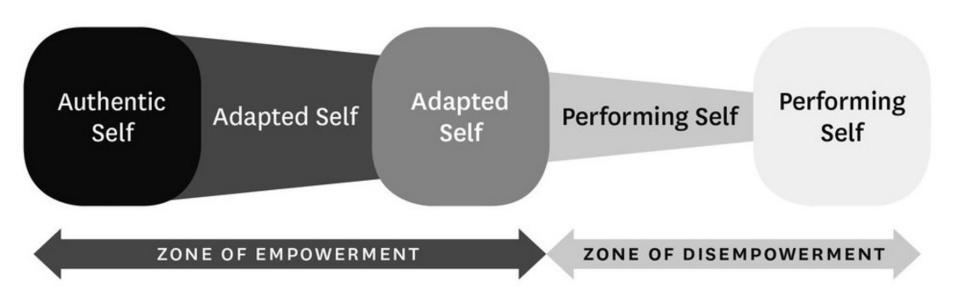
Creating an inclusive work environment means creating a place where everyone feels welcomed and accepted—and able to speak up, share insights, and provide more value to the organization.

Taking time to hear what others' experiences have been like. Listening can shed light on situations you might not otherwise think about.





#### Ritu Bhasin – The three selves



Authentic Self = how you would behave if you didn't fear the consequences of your behavior.

**Performing Self** = who you are when you feel like you don't have a choice but to conform or mask aspects of your true self; when you're performing, it feels awful.

**Adapted Self** = who you are when you make a choice to change an aspect of your behavior, in order to meet your own needs or others' needs. When you adapt, you're not driven by fear – you're driven by an authentic desire to change your behavior. Because you're making a choice willingly, it feels good to do.



Part 2 - Increasing diversity across the organization (staff, volunteers, donors)

#### Common approaches

- Inclusive language and imagery
- Ensuring services are accessible (physical, mental, age-related disabilities)
- Learning more about donors to market better
- Ambassadors





# BUILD INCLUSIVE MARKETING... AND THEY WILL COME.



#### Enlist the help of an Ambassador/Guide/Champion/ Interpreter – 'Like-Attracts-Like'

"In recent years, I have had the chance to speak to a number of donors from a variety of emerging philanthropic communities. Over and over again, I hear that the role of the solicitor is very important.

Sometimes it's better for a member from their own community to make the ask. But in other instances, it's even more powerful when it comes from a member of the perceived 'establishment.'

Taking the time [to] understand 'who' should be involved in extending the 'invitation' is critical in achieving success."

- Dr. Krishan Mehta, AVP, Engagement - Ryerson University, quoted in KCI Philanthropic Trends Quarterly, 2011: Issue 2



# Limitations of the Ambassador Model – Linkage is to the Ambassador First

Essentially a P2P model, where relationship between prospect/donor and charity mitigated through the Champion (re-acquisition efforts can be costly and time-consuming, especially if high-end events are used as primary acquisition streams)

Not broadbased (like Instagram Influencers), but network / net-worth based (Not 'Indian community' but 'Indians in X's network')

To be extraordinarily successful, you have to have your end-donor in mind first and then select your Champion accordingly VS starting with your Champion and seeing which names they can bring on (similar to Major Gift fundraising)



#### Primary limitation of all these approaches





#### The Untapped Market Tool – by Khalil Guliwala

- Who are your clients (citizens) in your geographical model?
- Who are your clients (customers) in your business model?
- Who are your clients (donors) in your financial model?
- How do these match up?
- Is there an obvious market/segment that you haven't connected with yet?



#### Key takeaways:

- Start where you are
- Align your fundraising strategy with the diversity group that makes the most sense and based on the resources you have
- Lifetime process
- Keep it light <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEb\_epsuLqA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEb\_epsuLqA</a>



#### Resources to help with outreach to specific communities



Source: http://www.afpinclusivegiving.ca/about-the-program/history/



