Diversity and Inclusion: Sustainable Change Through Appreciative Inquiry

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The power and value of diversity and inclusion is a transformative force to maximize the potential of people, product and profit by building the generative capacity for people and their institutions to “Do well by doing good”.

Appreciative Inquiry is a paradigm and approach which builds capacity of knowledge, interpersonal communication and facilitation skills that can inform the work of diversity and inclusion by focusing on the highest potential and by discovering the best the system has to offer.

AI builds the cooperative capacity of individuals and their institutions to make transforming decisions and to turn problems into possibilities and creative solutions.

This interactive workshop will provide theory, practical experience and application, tools and techniques to apply the process of Appreciative Inquiry to diversity and inclusion education and facilitation optimizing positive and sustainable change.

Objectives:

At the end of the session, participants will:

1. Learn theory knowledge and practice concepts from an appreciative inquiry and strength based approach as applied to diversity and inclusion for sustainable positive change
2. Strengthen leadership, management and direct service interpersonal communication and facilitation skills in diversity and inclusion practice initiatives through building appreciative capacity and positive culture
3. Build capacity to make transformative decisions and turn problems into possibilities that optimize differences for creative and sustaining solutions.
4. Understand the power and value of diversity and inclusion to maximize the potential of people, product and profit. “Doing well by doing good”

Speaker:

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