

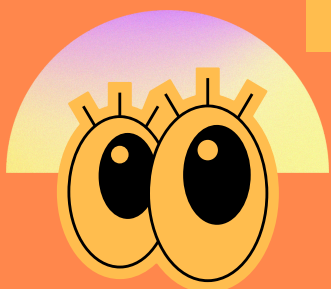


POSITIVE RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE



How to engage in healthy and effective communication about religious differences

UNDERSTAND & ACCEPT



Whether you're dealing with interfaith dialogue or intrafaith dialogue, it's important to understand before hand that other's have different experiences than you. You must accept these differences in order to open your mind.

OPEN MIND, OPEN HEART

Each participant must set their assumptions aside about the religious other. There must also be complete and total honesty and sincerity. Be mindful of your own deeply held beliefs. Refrain from comparing ideals.



BE MINDFUL OF YOUR WORDS



When in an intrafaith dialogue, be mindful of the words you use. Make sure they're inclusive and don't show any judgement or bias. Sometimes, language can make the difference between trustworthiness and how a conversation is framed.

CREATE EMPATHY

Use shared metaphors. Appropriation and recontextualization of these metaphors empahsizes dyniamic fluidity. Imagine shared religious experiences with the religious other. Relating to personal experiences rather than theoratical doctrinal similarities will create a worldview change.



Overall

Putting these four parts togehter can help to create tolerance of religious difference and emphasize acceptance and empathy regarding difference worldviews.

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