# **BELONGING TOOLKIT** M PROJECT YFINDER

# SESSION 3 //

Belonging in the Wider World



#### YOUR GUIDE



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## Who is in the room today? Introduce yourself.

Your name and what brings you here today.

#### WELCOME RITUAL



What's it been like to be you lately?

## AGENDA //



- + Community Agreements
- + What is Belonging + Why is it Important?
- + Skillbuilding Lesson // Good Friends
- + Skill-Building Lesson // Golden Record
- + Q +A
- + Closing Ritual // Gratitude

# COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS //

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#### LISTEN TO EACH OTHER

Be present and listen to others Respond, don't react Try to find comfort in silence

#### **LEAN INTO DISCOMFORT**

Take risks and lean into discomfort Try new ways of thinking and doing Don't be afraid to ask questions

#### **BE KIND TO EACH OTHER**

Try not to judge yourself or others Respect other people's journeys Speak from the "I" perspective

#### **STEP IN, STEP BACK**

Choose what you want to share Notice how much you are sharing Respect confidentiality

#### VIRTUAL COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

#### PRESENCE

Try not to be on other devices Please mute to limit background noise

#### PATIENCE

Offer grace with tech issues Your lovely beings are welcome on screen!

#### PARTICIPATION

Say your name when sharing Make a visual gesture to get called on Use chat feature for questions/affirmations

#### WAYFINDER JOURNEY



feel that
YOU BELONG

know what is MEANINGFUL TO YOU

know what YOU CARE ABOUT IN THE WORLD

learn how to **ACT WITH PURPOSE** 

#### BELONGING IS...

...the acceptance, celebration, and inclusion of our's and others' fullest selves without altering or hiding who we are to meet the expectations of those around us.

#### SCAFFOLDING BELONGING

Belonging means building *meaningful, compassionate relationships* with *ourselves, other people, and the wider world* we are part of.

#### SCAFFOLDING BELONGING



#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



References: Broderick, 2001, Allen, K., & Bowles, T., 2012

#### SKILL BUILDING // BELONGING WITH EACH OTHER

## GOOD FRIENDS

#### Understanding what makes a good friend



#### SECURE RELATIONSHIPS

A secure relationship is a relationship where the people involved trust one another and feel safe together. Dr. Amir Levine, psychologist and author of *Attached*, identifies five core traits of a secure relationship:

Consistency Reliability Availability Responsiveness Predictability

#### DRAW THIS IN YOUR JOURNAL // SCRAP PAPER



#### **REFLECTING ON A FRIEND**

1. Does this person drift in and out of my life when they feel like it?

2. Is this person available to spend time with me?

NO

3. Can I count on this person if I need something?

YES

4. Does this person reply to my messages?

5. Can I count on this person to be predictable in how they act?

#### EXAMPLE



#### REFLECTING ON MYSELF

1. Do I drift in and out of this person's life when I feel like it?

2. Do I make myself available to spend time with them?

NO

3. Can this person count on me if they need something?

YES

4. Do I reply to this person's messages?

5. Can this person count on me to be predictable in my behavior?

#### EXAMPLE



#### SKILL BUILDING // BELONGING TO THE WIDER WORLD

## GOLDEN RECORD

What will you leave behind



#### GOLDEN RECORD // BELONGING TO THE WIDER WORLD // TO HUMANITY

ABOUT // in 1977 NASA launched the voyager spacecraft with two phonograph records that contained sounds and images curated by United Nations to represent the diversity of life and culture on Earth.

The hope would be that one day extraterrestrial life would find it.



#### YOUR GOLDEN RECORD

What words, sounds, images would you use to represent: You and your experience? Your culture? Your story?



# **QUESTIONS?**

#### Reflecting and processing together

# CLOSING RITUAL //

Reflecting and processing together



#### **CLOSING RITUAL**



#### THANK YOU!



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