Welcome!
We will be starting shortly.

Safe and Equitable Engagement Spaces in the Age of Covid-19

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If we think of territorial acknowledgments as sites of potential disruption, they can be transformative acts that to some extent undo Indigenous erasure. I believe this is true as long as these acknowledgments discomfit both those speaking and hearing the words. The fact of Indigenous presence should force non-Indigenous peoples to confront their own place on these lands. I would like to see territorial acknowledgments happening in spaces where they are currently absent, particularly in rural and remote areas and within the governance structures of settlers.”

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[Photo of the carved welcome figure by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow]
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You can use our Google documents to share ideas and questions:

Share your tips, ideas and references

What is one thing you wished you knew 2 weeks ago about creating equitable and safe online engagement?
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[Picture of Alia shown on the left]
Cicely Belle Blain

Cicely Belle Blain is the CEO of Cicely Blain Consulting, a social justice-informed diversity and inclusion consulting company.

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[Picture of Cicely shown on the left]
Question

We are in the midst of a global crisis, is this a moment to engage more online or is it a moment for us to take a step back and consider carefully why and how we engage with diverse communities online?
Question

How does equity affect people’s ability to engage online? How does gender equity, accessibility, affordability, ability, agency and awareness play into how people engage digitally?
Health break

Please join us back in 5 minutes!
Question

What are some of the practical considerations practitioners need to think about before engaging online, particularly with communities that may have experienced harm?
Question

Many minority communities can feel like they do not want to engage online because online spaces don’t feel safe, could you share some ideas and tips on how to make these online engagement spaces safe? How do we build empathy in online engagement today?
Q & A

Please input your questions in the Q&A function of Zoom or in the chat box.
Thank you for joining us!

Stay in touch!

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