

## **Interview Trios, Adapted from *Community Dialogues for Racial Healing***

This activity strives to stimulate conversations across racial lines. This is an opportunity for you to share your lived experiences with others as well as listen to and affirm other's narratives. In these moments you will have the opportunity to journey with one another. In this project racial identity group refers to whatever community you identify with.

- Your interview is your story, and this is your chance to tell your story to another person. This means that your interview is a statement of your life, experiences, and opinions.
- Decide who will be the first person to be interviewed and the person who will be asking the questions. The third group member will be an active listener and timekeeper.
- Allow **15 minutes** for each interview.
- Use these questions to gain perspectives on race and community with your partners.
- Be alert to what the interviewee does not say and to help him or her expand the story so that it is meaningful for others.
- For the person being interviewed, simply answer the questions as fully and authentically as you can. Feel free to provide examples and details to illustrate your story and to help the listener better understand your experiences.
- During the interview, it is good to be ready to ask follow-up questions for greater detail, context, and clarification.
- After telling your story, and interviewing your partner(s), you will have the opportunity to complete a summary of your story and the story that you heard your partner tell, and reflect.

## **Interview Questions**

1. Tell me about your hometown, or the place that you grew up/consider your hometown
2. Think about what it was like for you growing up in your racial identity group in your hometown. Please describe this experience in a way that would allow someone from another racial identity group who grew up in the same hometown to understand your experience.
3. What do you think are some of the common mistaken ideas that people of another racial group to know in order to clear up these misunderstandings?
4. Tell me what else you would like others to know that we have not included here about your racial identity group.

After interviews are completed, complete the following questions and reflect with your group. You can write a few sentences for each of these questions or draw pictures or diagrams – just something that will help you remember the important points, new realizations, and themes of the interview.

### **Summarize Your Story**

1. What were the important points that you shared while **telling your story?**
  
2. What new realizations and ideas came up **while telling your story?** Include the facts or details that are relevant to the purpose of the interview. If you uncovered anything that was surprising to you while telling your story, please share it.
  
3. Please choose one to two themes (one or two words each) to **summarize your story.**

### **Summarize Your First Partner's Story**

1. What were the important points that you heard while **listening to your partner's story?**
  
2. What new realizations and ideas came up while **listening to your partner's story?** Include the facts or details that are relevant to the purpose of the interview. If you heard anything that was surprising to you while listening, please share it.
  
3. Please choose one to two themes (one or two words each) to **summarize your partner's story.**

## **Summarize Your Second Partner's Story**

1. What were the important points that you heard while **listening to your partner's story?**
  
2. What new realizations and ideas came up while **listening to your partner's story?** Include the facts or details that are relevant to the purpose of the interview. If you heard anything that was surprising to you while listening, please share it.
  
3. Please choose one to two themes (one or two words each) to **summarize your partner's story.**