

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging for the Public Sector

Tools and Strategies for Mitigating Bias and Fostering an Inclusive Workplace Culture



Online → **Modules 1 & 2:** February 9, 2023 | **Modules 3:** February 15, 2023

Agenda Overview

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) for the Public Sector has been designed to help government employees champion workplace inclusivity by recognizing bias and building a culture where emotional and psychological safety is a top priority. Over the course of 3 distinct modules - **Fundamentals of DEI & Self Exploration, Recognizing Bias, Creating a Sense of Belonging** - this course takes a deep-dive into DEIB and will equip you with the skills to imbed diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging into the very fabric of your workplace.

DEIB for the Public Sector will arm you with the tools to help build a more inclusive workplace from the ground up. This course will explore everything from DEIB terminology to unconscious bias and key strategies for elevating DEIB in your organization. Drawing on research with other public sector employees, **DEIB for the Public Sector** will show you a pathway for recognizing, valuing, and elevating diverse voices and experiences throughout your department and organization.

Whether you are just getting started in your career, managing staff and teams, or using this course to deepen your understanding of DEIB, this in-depth training course has something for you. Through an informative mix of presentations, self-reflective exercises and a supportive peer learning environment, **DEIB for the Public Sector** will provide actionable steps designed to help you sharpen and continue your DEIB journey.

Register Today



Meet Your Facilitator

Priya Sodha, Executive Trainer & DEI professional, has been facilitating transformational workshops and trainings for over 10 years. Priya specializes in leadership development, communication, diversity, equity and inclusion, and people-focused leadership; and is passionate about this work because she truly believes in human connection. Priya has served as a DEI Coach, trainer & consultant for companies such as BetterUp, Assemble, NPower, California Rec & Park and more.

Prior to corporate training, Priya earned her Master's in Organizational Change Management at The New School, in New York City and a BA in Sociology at California State University of Long Beach, where she specialized in interaction and group relations. Her work has led her to serving as an Executive Director for the Youth Business Alliance & Director of DEI at a California based Community College.

Priya is a Certified Professional Group Coach and holds a certificate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion from Muma College of Business. She is also an active #IamRemarkable Facilitator, a Google initiative where she speaks on the topic of self-promotion in the workplace and most recently spoke at The Women of Silicon Valley Conference on DEIB in the workplace. In her most recent work with education-based colleges in CA, she was highlighted as a trainer "who cares her participants, which is seen through her engaging content and applicable activities during her sessions."

Priya currently lives in Southern California. Fun fact: When Priya is not working, you can find her teaching Zumba/Yoga.



Who Attends?

This training course is relevant for all public sector employee at all levels; including:
CEO/COO/CDO/CFO and their teams & CHROs and Heads of DE&I, Human Resources, Talent and Leadership, Recruitment and Retention, Change Management, Organizational Development, Health and Wellbeing, Leadership Development, Training and Development

Key Learning Objectives

Get better acquainted with DEIB terminology such as diversity, inclusion, equity and belonging

Recognize and mitigate bias in decision-making and workplace environments

Learn how to build an inclusive and psychologically safe workplace and help foster a sense of belonging

Set accountable action steps to benchmark your DEIB strategy in the short and long term

Explore the Agenda | Day 1 | February 9, 2023

10:00am ET **Welcome from Public Sector Network**

10:10am ET **Training Overview, Objectives and Outcomes**

Module One - Fundamentals of DEI & Self Exploration

10:30am ET **An Introduction to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging**

- Overview of DEIB & how it has evolved and changed
- Exploring key terms and definitions
- Understanding the impact of DEIB in the workplace – everyone has a role

11:15am ET **Breakout Activity**

- The Diversity Wheel - exploring 'identity'
- Self-Reflection - how identity has shaped us
- Group discussion and 'learn and share'

11:45am ET **Identity and Intersectionality**

- Setting the Framework: What is Identity & Intersectionality?
- How does intersectionality impact employee's experiences at work?
- The relationship between overlapping identities and the complexity of prejudice

12:15pm ET **Break**

Module Two - Recognizing Bias

12:30pm ET **Welcome Back and Recap**

12:45pm ET **Discovering Unconscious Bias**

- Defining different types of biases
- Recognizing bias and understanding the impact it has in the workplace
- How unconscious bias impacts organizational decisions and long-term micro aggressive behaviors

Preparation

This training session is highly interactive with group activities about and discussions throughout. Come prepared with some current challenges you are facing in your organization.

To participate you'll need:

- Computer with a camera and microphone
- Strong internet connection
- Quiet, well-lit space
- An open mind and readiness to engage both internally and in groups

1:15pm ET **Breakout Activity**

In this Circle of Trust activity, you will have the opportunity to explore and recognize your own internal biases and the potential impact this may have on decision-making.

1:45pm ET **Mitigating Bias**

- Understand how to recognize and reduce unconscious bias in decision making
- Learn how to apologize AND move forward
- What happens when we don't mitigate bias?
- The impact of microaggressions

2:30pm ET **End of Day One**

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Explore the Agenda | Day 2 | February 15, 2023

Module Three - Creating a Sense of Belonging

12:00pm ET Welcome Back from Public Sector Network

12:10pm ET Training Overview, Recap and Reflections

12:30pm ET **Inclusion and Empathy**

- Understanding the difference between Empathy and Sympathy
- Recognizing the individual, team and organizational impact on creating an inclusive environment
- Listening with intent - mitigating listening bias

1:15pm ET **Breakout Activity**

- Empathetic Listening - listening without bias
- Giving and receiving peer feedback
- Calling attention to the challenges and opportunities for putting listening into practice

1:45pm ET **Conscious Allyship – Learning and Group Discussion**

- Intent vs impact
- The difference between performative and conscious allyship
- Advocating for diverse voices and creating psychological safe spaces
- Drawing on lessons learned in this course, establish a blueprint for being a conscious ally, leading with empathy and putting work into action

2:15pm ET **Group Activity: Putting Learning into Action**

In this group activity you will have the opportunity to devise a personal toolkit which can be tested and put into action in the workplace. At the end of this activity, you will receive peer-to-peer and facilitator feedback.

2:45pm ET **Summary and Closing Notes from the Facilitator**

3:00pm ET **End of Day Two**

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