

Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation Launch

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"THIS IS A CELEBRATORY EVENT!" "RACISM... WE NEED TO GET RID OF IT; IT'S DONE. TIRED."
"Recreation is a powerful tool... that brings people together."

IT'S DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS EQUITY IN RECREATION WHEN SYSTEMIC RACISM CONTINUES TO PLUNGE BIPOC COMMUNITIES IN A STRUGGLE FOR BASIC NEEDS

NO SIDEWALKS

NO CLEAN WATER

LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

BIPOC COMMUNITIES ARE CALLED ON FOR WISDOM & GUIDANCE BY THE SAME STRUCTURES AND ORGANIZATIONS IGNORING THE NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES

EXCLUSION/ OTHERING

"IT'S WEARING US THIN."

TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES



"WE ARE ALL LEARNING."
"IT TAKES PRACTICE."

PANEL DISCUSSION

CREATING CULTURALLY-RELEVANT PROGRAMMING



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• BLACK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IN NOVA SCOTIA FOR OVER 400 YEARS AND YET WE ALWAYS HEAR: "THERE ARE BLACK PEOPLE IN NOVA SCOTIA?!"

• THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO ENDURE RACISM BUT APPRECIATES BEING INCLUDED IN MAINSTREAM RECREATION EFFORTS

• AN IMMIGRANT'S PERSPECTIVE: "IT'S A VERY DIFFERENT WORLD HERE." - MORE EXPENSIVE, MORE FORMAL



• TOURISTS ENJOY MORE ACCESS & PRIVILEGE THAN BIPOC COMMUNITIES IN NS

• WE NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIFFERENCES IN PRIVILEGE BETWEEN COMMUNITIES

• CANADA'S OFFICIAL SPORT (HOCKEY) IS PREDOMINANTLY ACCESSIBLE TO ONLY WHITE COMMUNITIES

• "YOU SHOULD SEE COLOUR - BECAUSE WE'RE ALL UNIQUE."

• WE WANT TO KNOW THAT WE WILL GET SUPPORT WHEN WE NEED IT.

• WE NEED GOOD LEADERSHIP.

• WE NEED GENUINE INTERACTIONS TO BUILD TRUST & RELATIONSHIPS

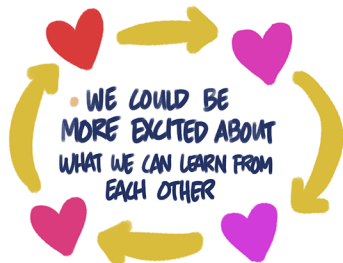
• BE MINDFUL OF THE DIFFERENCES OF YOUR MINDSET. DO YOU CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES?

• REPRESENTATION MATTERS!!

"DO I BELONG IN THIS SPACE?"



• "A PICTURE ALONE... CAN OPEN THE DOORS OF POSSIBILITY"



• "COLLABORATION IS KEY."

