How Are You Doing With Your Whiteness?

A Course for Antiracist White Educators

A six-month discussion and action-based course for white people working in education and with youth

Why now and a bit on vision:

In recent years we have seen a sharp uptick of progressive white educators who have begun talking about racism, using antiracist language, and acknowledging their own whiteness. And still, many white people are struggling when it comes to adapting their own actions; when it comes to living out the changes that they want to be a part of.

This course is for white educators ready to go beyond conversations about white privilege and begin embodying anti-racist values in their daily practice.

Goals:

- To deepen white educators' analysis of the structural impacts of white supremacy on the schools and communities they work in, and the role that they, as white educators, play in perpetuating white supremacy.
- To equip white educators with the tools and support to identify and respond to racist actions, words, and policies within their schools and communities.
- To grow white educators' capacity to support, lift up, and act in solidarity with teachers, students, and families of color in their schools and communities.

What the experience involves:

- Twice/month video calls
- Readings, videos, and podcasts to read/view/listen, along with written responses
- 1-1 conversations with another member of the course for more personal reflections
- Action steps to take throughout the course

Who this is for:

- White educators ready to go beyond conversations about white privilege and begin embodying anti-racist values in their daily practice
- White folks in any role in education or work with youth: teachers, guidance counselors, youth workers, administration, social workers, staff at schools, camp counselors and staff, youth advocates, etc.

Schedule: Two evenings a month starting late January through early June (specific dates subject to change)

Course Completion:

 Participants who complete this course will receive a certificate for 20 continuing education hours.

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Learning & resources:

 Modalities of learning will include: text based discussions of books, articles and audio; personal story sharing; examination of internalized habits and mentalities; mapping of systemic oppressions; and building an accountability practice.

Course Facilitation:

- Primary Facilitator: Jonah Canner
 - Jonah is an educator, facilitator and mentor offering spiritual, emotional, and strategic support to people and organizations doing good work in the world. His primary focus areas include racial equity, restorative justice, experiential education, and working through conflict. Read more here.
- Guest speakers and conversation partners (including students, parents, and educators) will join to provide additional perspectives, accountability, and critical analysis.

Application & Course Fees:

- Registration for this course is limited. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout December until the course is full. The final date for submitting an application is January 9th.
- Sliding scale fees from \$300 to \$750. In order to make this course as accessible as possible, we encourage you to pay a fee that is in line with what you are able.
- Applicants will be informed of their acceptance the first week of January.
- Click here to apply

If you have questions or concerns regarding this course, please direct them to info@democraticeducation.org and someone will get back to you shortly



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