

"In Their Own Voices" Series FY21

Each year, employees and community members volunteer as panelists to describe their life experiences in support of diversity awareness and intercultural sensitivity. Panelists shine a light on family, upbringing, traditions, expectations and turning points—while class participants practice active listening and respectful inquiry. Class members gain empathy and understanding, learn guidelines for courteous behavior and ways to avoid awkward or inappropriate behavior.

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• In Their Own Voices: Becoming a Vegan October 23, 2020; 9-11 AM, via Zoom

You're welcome to suggest future panels! Previous panels include--

- Heritage—African Caribbean Central American European
- Speakers of World Languages—Arabic Chinese Hindi-Urdu-Bengali Spanish Russian
- Deaf Culture and History Hidden Disabilities
- The LGBTQQIA Community
- Employees Parenting Children under Ten
- Electronic Gaming as Global Culture
- MC Programs—WDCE's Graduate Transition Program WDCE's Citizenship Program ACE's

Within a safe environment--instead of differences that divide—class participants may touch the heart of unity. As one wrote: *"I have sincerely enjoyed attending the ITOV panels...What I have taken away...is a deepened respect for the dignity of ALL peoples*. <u>Use MC LEARNS to register.</u>

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