



Racial Justice & Storytelling Workshop

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Justice of Storytelling



"moving from personal fault to collective fate"
- Gloria Steinem

1

Plot: beginning, middle, end

2

Details to help imagine the scene

3

Characters: heroes and villains

4

Humour

5

Drama: a moment of tension

6

Choice and resolution

Components of a good story

What is Framing?

"Frames are mental structures that shape the way we see the world. As a result they shape the goals we seek, the plans we make, the way we act, and what counts as a good or bad outcome of our actions.

All words are defined relative to conceptual frames. When you hear a word, its frame (or collection of frames) is activated in your brain"

- Lakoff, 'Don't Think of the Elephant'

Q: When do you or people around you use frames in every day life?

Moving from passive -> active voice

1

RACIALISED COMMUNITIES ARE VULNERABLE

This situates the problem as innate in the communities and invisibilises the systems or people that are causing harm

2

RACIALISED COMMUNITIES ARE UNDER ATTACK/BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST

This puts the spotlight on perpetrators

Moving from unfortunate -> unjust

1

UNFORTUNATE

Builds empathy and ends up with charitable solutions

2

UNJUST

Builds power and builds structural solutions



Balancing the stories

"If people only hear about Black folks when there's something wrong with them, how can we expect Blackness to be associated with anything positive?"

-Rashad Robinson, Colors of Change

Upcoming 'Learning Thursdays' in November & December

Race, Power and Privilege



26th November – Topical Learning Session: Race and Organising in the UK:

Looking at different campaigns that have looked to attack race inequality in the UK.

Leadership

3rd December:

Learning For Leaders – What is a leader? What does it mean to be a leader?

Community Organising Masterclass – Building Core Teams

10th December:

Learning For Leaders – The 'Iron Rule of Organising', and investing in other people.

Community Organising Masterclass – Leadership Development (Analysing Leadership Development Tables & making a plan for developing your leadership).

17th December: Christmas Action! Stay tuned for more details...

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