

Closing

Time: 30 minutes or more as needed

There are many different ways to be a leader. Being a leader is about things you do and say, and about how you think about your community. Together, we've been working on thinking about our communities as leaders. You are all already leaders – and you will always continue adding ways to be a leader to who you are.

You can ask for some examples of what participants want to do next, things they would like to do or try doing as leaders.

So, why do we learn to be bridge builder leaders? How do our traditional, cultural communities get stronger when we learn how to be leaders but don't forget who we are? Discuss.

Introduce the concept of social justice:

Working for social justice is working for the right of all cultures, communities and individuals to have a voice.

How are we working for social justice when we talk about mainstream leadership, power, culture, and being bridge-builders?

Ask the group, what do YOU want to do next? Individually? As a group? (They can discuss as a group, in pairs, write and reflect, or whatever works best.)

In closing, participants write or draw answers to the questions on the following "Voice of a Leader" sheets, indicating what they and people around them must do to ensure all voices are respected as leaders, and how they want to be bridge-builders. Each takes turns reading his or her answers out loud and the others applaud. They may decorate the sheets, and hang them up.

A photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. The bridge is a suspension bridge with two large towers and a long span. The water is blue, and there are some boats in the distance. The sky is clear and blue.

VOICE OF A LEADER

MY voice as a leader is heard when

I hear YOUR voice as a leader when.....

I am a BRIDGE BUILDER. I am my own kind of leader. I navigate and connect my own cultural community and the mainstream world when I am able to....