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Session Title:

Starting at the Beginning: Understanding Yourself and Your Role in Group Dynamics

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Introduction (10 minutes)

* Introduce presenters
* Articulate how identity (individual) and culture (collective) influence one another

Activity (10 minutes)

* Identify three volunteers
* Give volunteers 1 minute to find something at their desk or in their workspace that represents who they are and what is important to them
* Tie back to values and background, and how that is important in group dynamics

Overview of Model Components (10 minutes)

* Cycle of socialization and how we have learned to be who we are
* Social identity wheel and its impacts on group dynamics

Activity (5 minutes)

* Overview “good” group member expectations worksheet

Review Principles/Wrap Up (5 minutes)

* A—The role of identity in a collective culture
* B—Socialization and social identities
* C—Creating groups with purpose; not on purpose

Q&A (5 minutes)