

## Follow up to Housing Matters Illinois 2022 conference Opening Plenary

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### Story Prompts for Building Community

Section One:

#### INTROSPECTION

Take some time to explore your stories and values.

- What are three things or moments that inspire you?

*"As they become known to and accepted by us, our feelings and the honest exploration of them become sanctuaries and spawning grounds for the most radical and daring of ideas."* Audre Lorde

- What feelings stand out for you most at this time?
- Are your emotions connected to any lessons you are learning?

Section Two:

#### MAKING CONNECTIONS

Consider creating moments to share and build community amongst staff and with clients.

- A song that lifts my spirits...
- When I am stressed, it helps if I...
- My hidden talent/superpower...
- One day I hope to meet...
- My favorite thing to do as a child was...
- If I were granted one wish, it would be...
- One of the best days of my life...
- The best advice I ever received was...
- I am creative when it comes to...
- I would like a second chance to...
- I would love to appear on this tv show...
- If I had a time machine I would...

Section Three:

#### SPREADING THE WORD

Consider how to best share stories that illustrate impact.

- Consider sharing stories that communicate who is doing the work and why?
- What is a challenge you've addressed?
- How is your work impacting both individuals and communities?
- Who can help to tell your stories your leadership, teams, clients, artists?
- Website, social media, newsletters, brochure and print media, meetings, gatherings