Let's Talk About it!
Culture & Language Discussion

What are the top two words that come to mind after watching this video?

- sustainability and intersectionality of love and language
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- Freedom and Understanding
- agree, doing
- tradition
- Roots- connect
- food sovereignty
- Sharing teachings
- Acceptance and caring
- Joy and sovereignty
- Pride and Truth
- Love
- Healing + Warm

Do you feel like you have enough access to opportunities to learn about your culture, language, and teachings?

- yes and continuing to learn
- I do, but those of the diaspora do not.
- I feel I do, but there is a disconnect between generations and I feel that is due to trauma or strict traditions.
- I always want more! :)
- I feel like I do and if not I seek out the info needed
- no but we are opening up discussions in our community.
- yes

the younger generations are more than happy to talk about genders, but the elders NO WAY!
Do you feel that everyone (like our Two-Spirit relatives) from the community are invited to get involved in these opportunities?

at times yes, but just depends on the community members and elders that are leading ceremony or event; but yes most are invited and welcomed; a lot has changed in the last couple of years for the better more inclusivity

No - much of the culture is based in religion. It’s accepted but not discussed.

Some do and it’s starting to be more inclusive and supportive

Yes and no

I live in a urban area and feel people are trying. People from home (the reservation) not so much dues to those traditions.

Feel like theres more opportunities for those who are NOT a part of the community and barriers or greater efforts/sacrifice needed from those who are when support is limited... so yes and no

Depends on who is in charge of opportunities

No body really talks about it

I can't say yes in the institution that I work.

Do you have ideas for strengthening efforts for gender inclusion by using culture and language?

We like learning about new tools that can be shared with students as conversation starters and learning tools

One idea is learning our language and correlating cultural lessons/teachings to those basic values of inclusion.

Start a group or ask those trusted to help share ideas and get support and involvement for everyone

I am searching a different word than inclusion.

TikTok to reach youth

share and welcome generations to learn, adapt, and pass on; generational leadership is so vital at this time...decolonize love, education, language and self love.

We provide 2S trainings, currently sending out messaging to staff and community in recognition of Pride month

Continuing to learn and seek out information, bring understand to my family and community back home.

peers, mentors, and leaders are so important especially in our tribal communities, hold space for young adults, teens, elders to share their knowledge and experience; we are oral traditionalists by nature so story sharing is so vital.