EMBRACING LIFE INITIATIVE

Supporting Community Wellness and Suicide Prevention.



Chapter 3: Hope and Belonging - Facilitator Guide

Room Set-Up: A circle, semi-circle, or U-shape would be ideal for discussions and sharing.

Number of Participants: Up to 20. Approximate Time: 35-45 minutes

Materials

Flip chart or white board; markers; Embracing Life Youth Voice Toolkit Chapter 3

Learning Objectives

- Understand the concepts of Hope and Belonging
- Understand the impacts of Hope and Belonging

Check-In Questions and Discussion

- How are you arriving today?
- Rose/Thorn/Bud Exercise
 - o Rose: One good thing going on in your life right now
 - o Thorn: One thing you'd like to work on or improve
 - o Bud: One thing you are looking forward to
- What do you think of when you hear the words "hope" and "belonging"?

Toolkit Chapter Review and Story (pp. 14-16)

Questions and Discussion (Popcorn Style) - Keep track of responses on flip chart/white board

- What is something that you are currently proud of yourself for?
- Have you ever felt like you didn't belong? How did you deal with the situation?
- Have you ever "judged a book by its cover?"
- How can you help someone in your life feel hope and belonging?

Toolkit Worksheet Activity (Work in small groups or individually - facilitator's discretion)

Checkout Questions

- How are you leaving today?
- Rose/Thorn/Bud Exercise
 - o Rose: What are your favourite takeaways from this chapter?
 - o Thorn: Was there anything you didn't like about this chapter?
 - Bud: How will you use what you learned in this chapter to improve your life or the lives of others?