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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The Future of Tourism



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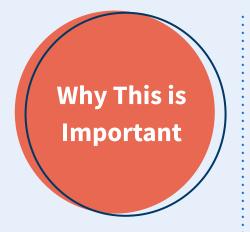
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Today's Agenda









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Why should Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion be an important part of your business plan?



- → It creates a stronger business
- → It attracts more people to your tours
- → It leaves a positive impact on your community
- → All of the above





The Why



There are major benefits both for your business and for the community.

DEI should be an integral part of your business plan

Benefits to your business

- Widens your customer base
- Attracts talent
- Higher profitability

Benefits to your community

- Creates more empathy
- Creates job opportunities
- Supports local businesses and doesn't take advantage of them
- Creates a safe and positive space for all





Examples





As the Hawaiian Director of Spiritual Tours Hawaii, Kumu Karen is the visionary and the voice behind the experience you will receive on your custom experience. Hers is a highly respected voice among Native Hawaiians, as Kumu Karen is recognized as master teacher and a spiritual leader, descended from a family of spiritual healers from Hawaii I Island and Oahu.





Traveler Expectations



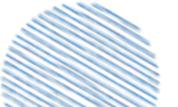
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What is the definition of cultural appropriation?

- → Using a culture for your own personal gain
- → Appreciating a culture during travel
- → Creating cultural experiences







We don't want to take advantage of the community.

Cultural Appropriation

What is cultural appropriation?

 When someone chooses aspects of a culture that is not their own and uses them for their own personal gain

Examples

- Photos
- Disrespecting ceremony
- Clothing
- Jewelry





It's important to respect the culture you are visiting.

Cultural Appreciation

What is cultural appreciation?

 When someone seeks to learn about a culture other than their own and engages in a cultural exchange.

Examples

- Speaking to local artists
- Purchasing from local shops
- Attending a cultural ceremony





The language we use is powerful.

The Power of Language

Talk the talk, don't just walk the walk

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Examples



THE LANGUAGE OF FREEDOM

I can imagine nobody better equipped to tell the story than Veronica Gaillard, a resident storyteller whose gorgeous voice turns from deeply resonant as she introduces guests to "The Blues" to soaring angelically as she croons a hymn. Gaillard is one of a handful of storytellers who daily describe the lives, loves and lore of their people to Boone Hall's guests.

Gaillard is a gifted presenter of "trute" (truth). She descends from the Gullah people, a community formed of multiple West African tribes imprisoned and shipped to the American shores (80% of West African slaves were transported to and through the Charleston area). Living together as slaves on plantations and in cities—or in freedmen's communities after emancipation—the Gullah people developed a unique language and customs.







Action Steps



Poll

What dietary options do you offer (choose all that apply)?

- → Vegetarian/Vegan
- → Gluten Free
- → Halal
- → Kosher
- → Other
- → I don't offer food during my activities or tours





The time to start implementing DEI strategies in your business is now.



What you can do now

Action Items

- Create job opportunities for people of color locally
- Ensure there is diversity among your staff and Board of Directors
- Use traditional words in your marketing instead of western terms
- Offer DEI training for staff
- Offer tours and activities that celebrate your area's culture
- Support minority-owned businesses in your area
- Ask local community members what they would like tourists to know about the area

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Action Items

- Market to different communities
- In your marketing, show a diverse group of people enjoying your tours and activities
- Educate your customers about the area

Ultimately:

Create a Safe and Welcoming Environment For ALL



Thank you!



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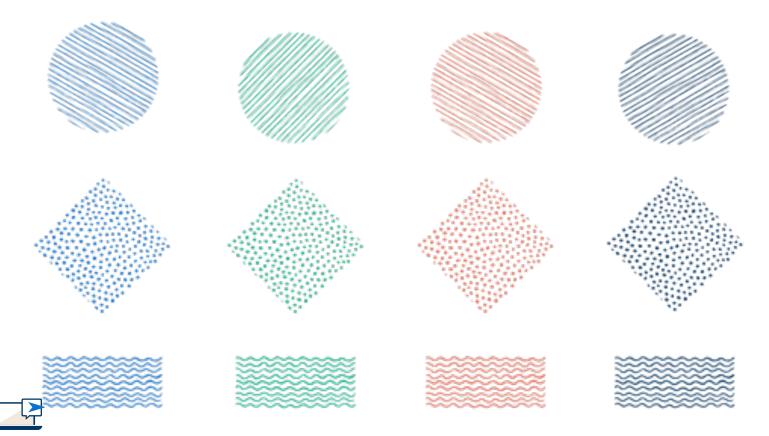








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