

# 10 WAYS TO BE AN ASPIRING **ALLY** TO MULTIRACIAL PEOPLE

- 01** DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT HOW PEOPLE IDENTIFY.
- 02** RECOGNIZE THAT MULTIRACIAL PEOPLE INDEED EXIST AND INCLUDE MULTIRACIALITY IN DISCUSSIONS ON RACE AND MULTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.
- 03** UNDERSTAND THAT THE QUESTION "WHAT ARE YOU?" CAN BE A VERY SENSITIVE ONE FOR MULTIRACIAL PEOPLE.
- 04** BE CONSCIOUS OF HOW SIMPLE REMARKS OR EVEN COMPLIMENTS CAN "OTHER" OR "EXOTIFY" MULTIRACIAL PEOPLE.
- 05** BE MINDFUL NOT TO HOMOGENIZE MIXED EXPERIENCES AND IDENTITIES. MULTIRACIAL IDENTITIES ARE DIVERSE AND COMPLEX. THEY MAY BE DISTINCT FROM OTHER IDENTITIES AND EXPERIENCES, BUT THERE ARE ALSO MANY COMMONALITIES AND SHARED HISTORIES.
- 06** SUPPORT HOW SOMEONE CHOOSES TO RACIALLY IDENTIFY.
- 07** RESPECT EVERYONE'S PROCESS. RESPECT THAT INDIVIDUALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELF-IDENTIFY AND THAT POLICING MIXED IDENTITIES OR IGNORING THEM ALTOGETHER CAN BE ALIENATING TO MULTIRACIAL PEOPLE.
- 08** TAKE TIME TO EXPLORE AND READ UP ON MULTIRACIAL ISSUES. YET PERHAPS, MOST IMPORTANTLY, TAKE TIME TO EXPLORE YOUR OWN IDENTITIES AND THE SPACES YOU OCCUPY IN THE SOCIAL SYSTEM AS IT RELATES TO POWER AND PRIVILEGE.
- 09** SUPPORT MULTIRACIAL PEOPLE, BUT ALSO OTHER HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS.
- 10** TAKE OWNERSHIP OF ANY MISTAKES YOU MAY MAKE AND KNOW THAT BEING ALLY DOESN'T MEAN BEING PERFECT, IT MEANS ALWAYS BEING OPEN TO SUPPORT OTHERS AND TO KEEP LEARNING.



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