

Midwest Morris Ale's DEI Panel

Morris Communities and Ageism



Ageism: the discrimination and stereotyping of people based on their age. Although historically referring to people of older ages, ageist stereotypes and biases exist for everyone of every age.

Intergenerational: involving persons of different generations, such as grandparents, parents, adults, adolescents, and children.

Discussion Notes:

- How do you make space for people regardless of their age or experience?

- How do you make Morris communities inclusive for dancers of any age?

- Is it appropriate to be ageist? If so, when?

Personal Reflection:

Where have I experienced ageism?
How do I describe “a youth”?
How do I describe “an elder”?
How have I felt welcomed by the morris community at different ages of my life?
How can I welcome other members of the morris community?

Morris Team Discussion:

Is our team intentionally limiting membership based on age?
How does your team practice being intergenerational?
What alternative roles are there for your members of your team and community?
Is your team’s use of technology ageist?
When team and community members present ideas, are they taken seriously?