

What would it look like if we engaged authentically with one another?

What values would guide our communication?

Honesty
Courage
Respect
Integrity
Loyalty

We could move from disconnectedness to connectedness

Examples of Civility Project Events

- **Amazing Faith Dinners** held in collaboration with the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, Spring 2012
- **President's Campus Challenge**
- Interfaith Youth Core Better Together Leadership Training
- **Civility Project Kiosk** in the Commons Lobby featuring civility quotes, questions, and information, February 2012,
- **Community Day Civility Project**, April 2012

How can I become involved in the Alverno College Civility Project?

Call Celia Jackson - 414-382-6012
or visit us on line at
www.alverno.edu/campuslife/civilityproject

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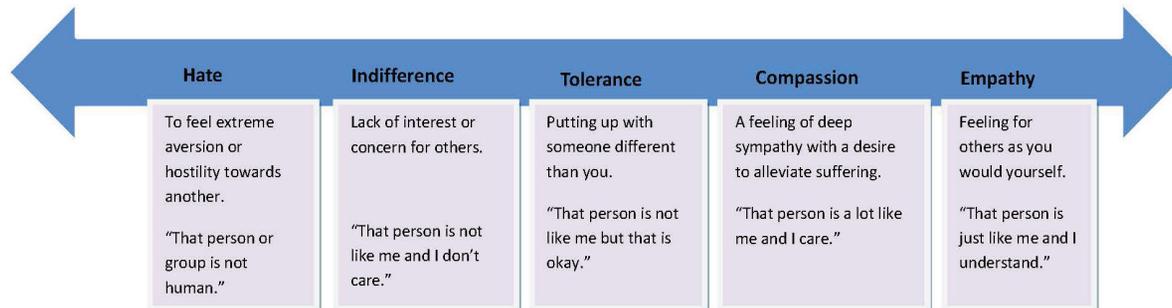
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is a conversation that begins to uncover the layers of hurt, distrust and misunderstanding that underlies our disconnectedness. It challenges us to examine ourselves in an effort to move us from tolerance to empathy. It allows us to open up to another perspective and widen the lens in which we process our views.

A few things to consider:

- Has anyone ever said anything about you that was rude or hurt your feelings?
- Have you ever been a target of discriminatory language?
- Have you ever heard or seen another person being made a target of discriminatory language or behavior?
- Are you concerned by the lack of civil public conversation around political and social issues?
- Do you wish to be able to engage in meaningful conversation with people who think differently than you?

THE CIVILITY PROJECT: WHICH DIRECTION ARE YOU HEADED?



In order to become empathetic, let us invite ourselves to

- engage in deeper listening; allowing our whole selves to be present to the moment;
- allow ourselves to be engaged with those unlike you; and those we don't like;
- allow for a shift in our way of thinking from coercing to one of healing;
- move from seeing every different point of view as right or wrong, but to seeing another perspective as one that may expand our own;
- ask clarifying questions when we don't understand rather than imposing our own judgment;
- accept people where they are and empower ourselves to move to an uncomfortable place allowing our vulnerability to be present;
- immerse ourselves in a different perspective for the long haul creating an opening for transformation;
- willingly engage in conversations we are unsure of;
- become more fully aware of our values of honesty, trust, and courage.

"Civility costs nothing and buys everything."

Lady Mary Worly Montagu
English Author