

FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF EXPRESSION

PURPOSE

To gain insights on our personal experiences regarding freedom of choice of expression

PARTICIPANT OBJECTIVES

To share personal stories about what influences our appearance

PROCESS

Welcome by co-leaders and host

Introduction, sharing of good and welfare, purpose is to discuss the significance of interfaith dialogue and religious pluralism

- Explain story-telling and how this is the key to full dialogue and communication.
- Explain the connections between interfaith dialogue and sharing stories of religious pluralism. Tied into this story is the belief that dialogue is about listening and speaking. In listening to and taking in the story of another, we are participating in an act of compassion.
- It would be interesting to mention the Burkini ban that took place in France during the summer of 2016 for perspective and a starting point for dialogue. Suggest that you watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jwj4HR8nqyA> and share the blog: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/manal-omar/ourchoicenotyours-the-burkini-ban_b_11997242.html

DIALOGUE

- How would you describe your look—the way you dress?
- Who and what has influenced how you currently dress?
- How has your look-your style of dress evolved over time?
- What significance does modesty play in your everyday life?
- What role would you like modesty to play in your everyday life?
- How much do you consciously think about your appearance? How does this vary by your surroundings (who you are with, where you are, type of event, etc.)?
- How have you arrived at the dress practice that you follow?
- How, if at all, has your faith practices influenced your personal practice of modesty?
- What is the one thing that you would like others to know about your regarding your decisions as to how you dress?