

Breakout Sessions and Presenters

The Power of Stories

Being invited to tell one's story is empowering. Learning one another's stories can bridge cultural divides and is fundamental to building trusting relationships. Hear from Andrea Duarte-Alonso about her work in collecting and sharing stories of community members and mentoring young women in storytelling.

Presenter: Andrea Duarte- Alonso



Andrea Duarte-Alonso is a 1st generation Mexican-American living and working in her hometown of Worthington. Currently, she is a Lead for America Hometown Fellow with the Southwest Initiative Foundation. Her work consists of a variety of themes which include, community engagement, storytelling, and building bridges. She is involved in the community, including chairing the Worthington Cross Cultural Advisory Committee, board member on the Nobles County Library Board, as well as on the Nobles County Integration Collaborative Board. She's also a writer and storyteller. Besides her project of 'Stories from Unheard Voices" she is a columnist for the MN Women's Press and has her words in other digital publications. Andrea is a first-generation graduate

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