

Role Practice: Acknowledgement Lead

Role Description

Draws attention to a specific issue relevant to the community

Learner	Practitioner
Share a cause important to you, or gratitude for something in common	Brings attention to a topic of significance (perhaps timely), generating understanding and a sense of individual resonance that could inspire self-reflection or even a small call to action
Practices	
<p>Research Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read & Learn: Begin by educating yourself about land and labor acknowledgments to understand their significance. • Identify an Issue: Choose a specific issue to focus on and conduct in-depth research. <p>Discussion Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in Dialogue: Share your findings with a friend and invite their thoughts and opinions to enrich your understanding. • Storytelling: Narrate a personal story or recount someone else's experience related to the chosen issue to highlight its impact. <p>Action Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Action Items: Determine actionable steps that others can take to support those affected by the issue, making it relevant and practical. <p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space Conversation: Host an Open Space Conversation to delve deeper into the issue, encouraging others to share their perspectives and insights. 	

Examples:

1. **Recognition of Unseen Labor:** Acknowledge the contributions of people whose efforts go unrecognized—whether within the Village, local community, or larger world—like volunteer organizers, caretakers, or essential workers.
2. **Land Acknowledgment:** Acknowledge the indigenous lands on which the meeting takes place, briefly reflecting on the history and ongoing connection of indigenous communities to the land.
3. **Environmental Mindfulness:** Recognize the planet’s resources and the importance of sustainable practices, honoring the connection each participant has with nature and the ways they can contribute to environmental care.
4. **Interdependence of Community:** Acknowledge the interconnectedness of everyone present, emphasizing the strength found in coming together and supporting each other’s growth and struggles.
5. **Celebration of Resilience:** Recognize the challenges people have faced, personally or collectively, whether in health, work, or relationships, and honor the resilience it took for each person to show up and participate.