

POC Gatherings  
February Public Notes  
February 23, 2022, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85234374851?pwd=TU1wVkhYN3pGeS8yVS84YWwrL0FIUT09>

- A. Greetings and Setting Intention
  - a. 19 participants in zoom meeting
- B. Open Sharing
  - a. Welcome Back!
  - b. Reflections from top of mind and heart.
- C. Check-in, Pair Share
- D. Storytelling as a Path to Cross-cultural Connection and Belonging. Meet our panel
  - a. Darrell Hillaire, Lumni elder <https://settingsunproductions.org/>
  - b. Storytelling is about preserving memory, understanding one another, and tradition. It strengthens our relationships.
  - c. When asking someone to share their story what you are allowing is to hear someone's heart. This is more powerful or easily recognized as someone's truth.
  - d. It is up to us to share our values with this country because this country needs us
  - e. If we could teach the power of gratitude to everyone it could be better and that's our intention and we need each other. A lot of that can be done with stories
  - f. Jacque: Why is cross-cultural connection and building bridges to other communities important, especially now? How can we use stories to do this?
  - g. So, our children can grow up safe and healthy and I learned early in my life that leaving your art with your community to tell your story is important I feel like it's a responsibility to carry on what my family started and what they we trying to say is we want to build together, we want to create a community together. I think it's important to keep that legacy.
  - h. Storytelling can help us to heal and reconnect with each other.
  - i. Evergreen State
  - j. A question that arises is what we need from one another and what do we need as individuals
  - k. It's important to hear from our families while they are here and coherent
- E. Courtney Wooten
  - a. Courtney Wooten is an anti-racist consultant specializing in equity and cross-cultural inclusion. Raised in the Berkeley/Oakland Bay Area and following in the footsteps of hippies and Black Panthers, Courtney embraces community organizing and intersectional coalition-building as part of her lifelong mission for change. A Stanford alumna and current student at Prescott College (MA, Social Justice and Community Organizing, 2021, and working on an accelerated Ph.D. in Sustainability Education right now), Courtney believes in pairing theory and education with accountable and meaningful action as a student-activist. As the founder of Suburbia Rising/Stories of Self & Solidarity (SRS3), Courtney has

brought creative, educational, and community-led events to life, partnering with Edmonds School District, Sno-Isle Libraries, the Communities of Color Coalition, the Edmonds Center for the Arts and more. She is a dynamic presenter, public speaker, educator and writer, a skilled Peacemaking Circle Keeper, and visual artist. The head of a multicultural, multigenerational household, Courtney is also a homeschooling mother to her two elementary school-aged daughters.

b. <https://www.suburbiarising.com/>

F. Close

- a. First POC Gathering Podcast coming in March!
- b. Next gathering is on Wednesday, April 27th at 3:30 pm
- c. Jacque: we may want to create an event maybe to FB and do it recurring
- d. Jack march 1st Jackie 9-11 march 3rd 10-1:30 4-5 8th open except 1-3 and open the 7th except 12:30 – 2:30
- e. Some of the links on the webpage don't work
- f. Tech issue we need the same link sent to the tech check-in