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- + Library or Organization
- + Location
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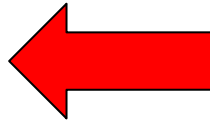
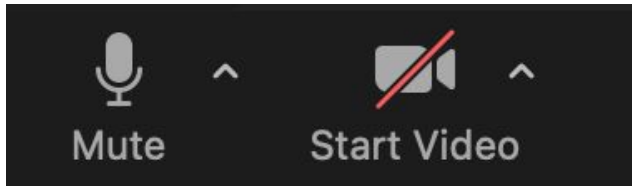
Creative Aging Foundations

Delaware Division of the Arts

Day One: Thursday, October 26, 2023

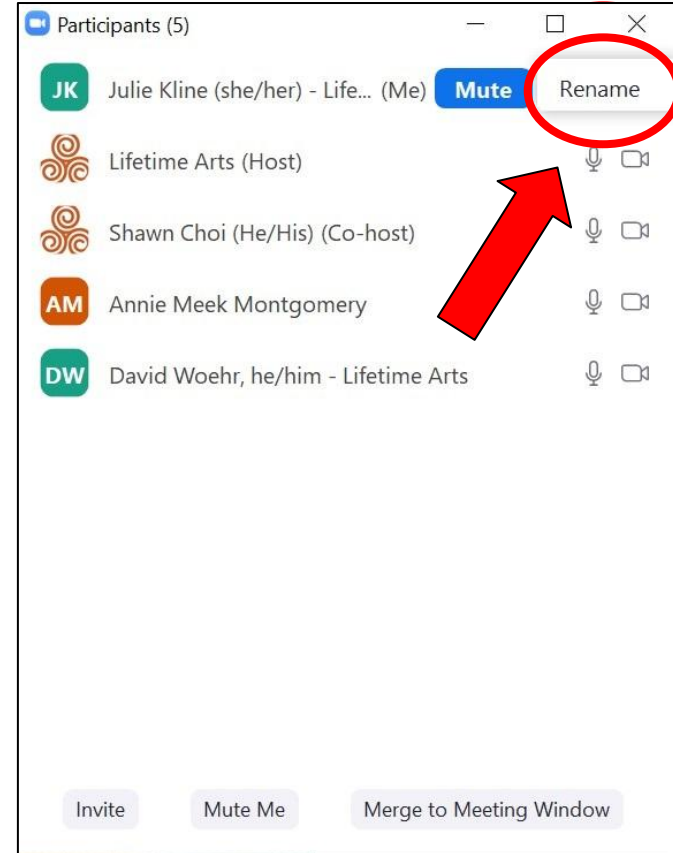
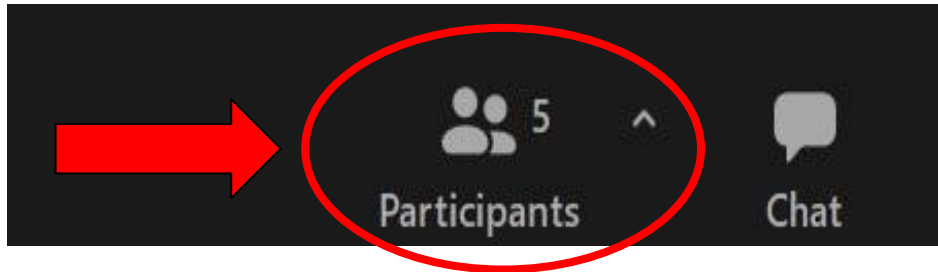
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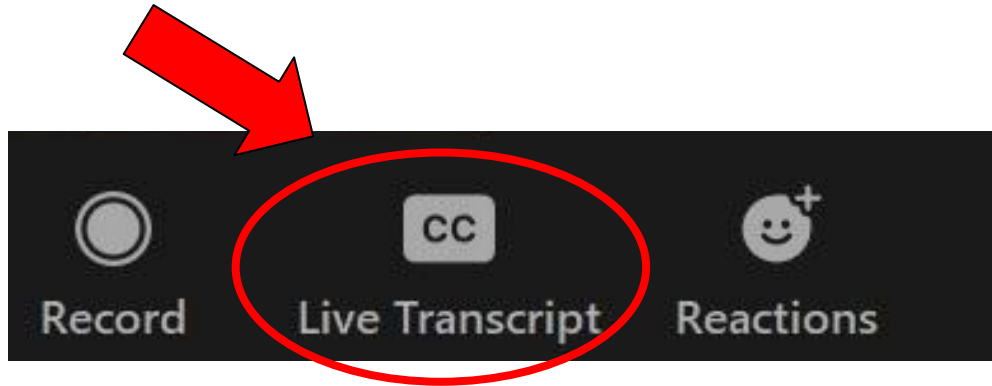
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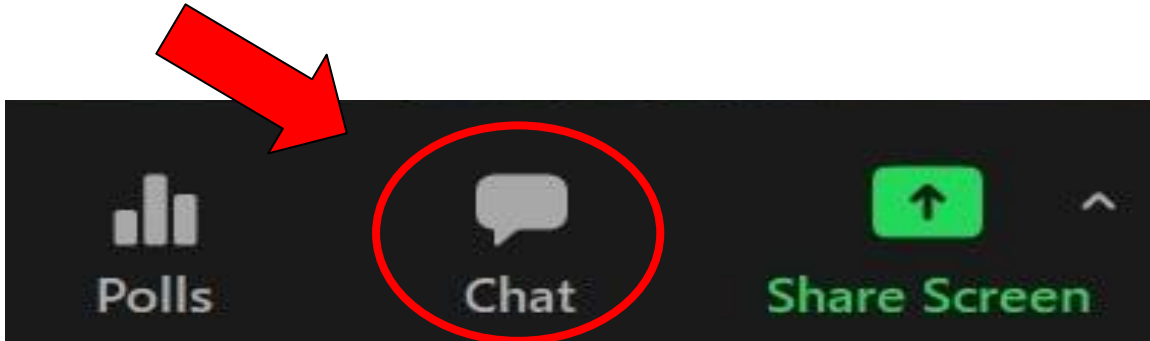
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Lifetime Arts Portal

- + Prep Work
- + Training Description
- + Lifetime Arts Staff + Trainer Bios
- + Post-Training Resources
- + Post-Training Evaluation

For additional support email:
portal@lifetimearts.org

Creative Aging Foundations Training

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10am-12pm EST

Welcome! We are thrilled to have this opportunity to work with you. We are looking forward to meeting you. We have a lot to cover over the three sessions, so please plan to join each day on time and take notes.

What you need to know:

- Please use the Zoom link below to join all three days of training
- We have specified some light, yet key pre-work for each session
- All presentation decks will be made available for your convenience

[JOIN TRAINING VIA ZOOM](#)

Use the **DAY 1, 2, 3** buttons below to navigate to each day's session materials:

[DAY 1](#)

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Community Agreements

- + Be present
- + Limit distractions
- + Take care of yourself
- + Hold space for one another
- + Share only what feels comfortable
- + Sharing will be anonymous

Lifetime Arts

Founded in 2008

A nonprofit arts service organization that offers a positive, modern, artistic and social lens through which to serve, inspire and engage America's growing population of older adults.



Goals and Agenda

Be prepared in all aspects of designing and implementing a creative aging program.

Agenda:

- + Ageism exploration
- + Group discussions
- + Break
- + Creative aging arts education model
- + Older adult learners
- + Q&A and wrap-up



Ageism Workshop



Check in With Yourself

What age do you feel like on the inside today?



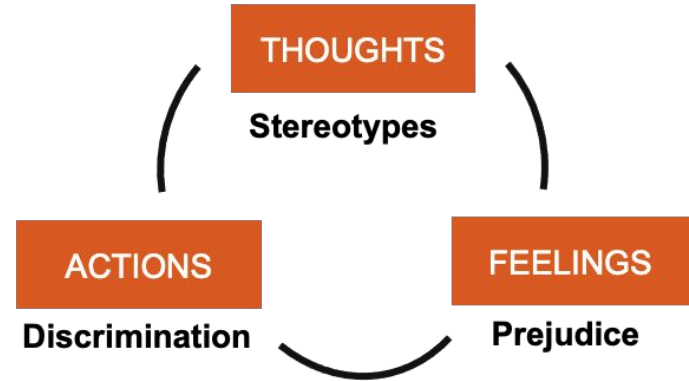
Ageism Defined

Ageism refers to:

Stereotypes → how we think

Prejudice → how we feel

Discrimination → how we act

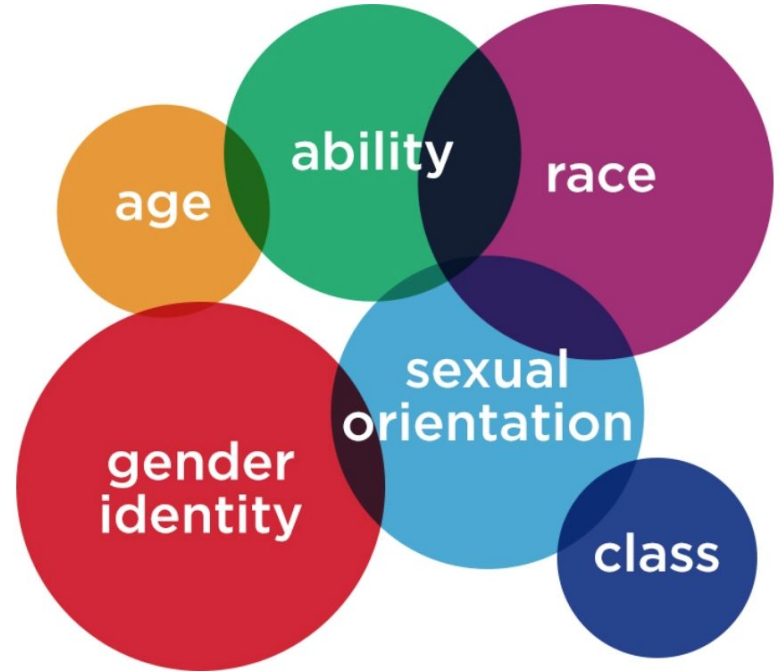


Directed towards people on the basis of age

Intersectionality

“ What happens when we think about how ageism intersects with other forms of disempowerment like racism and patriarchy, and heterosexism? ”

– Kimberlé Crenshaw





Ashton Applewhite

“ It’s ageism, far more than the passage of time, that makes growing older harder for all of us.



Breakout Group Discussion Topics

- + What is something new from Ashton's video that you hadn't thought of before?
- + Where have you seen ageism in your life?

Share Out





Break



Lifetime Arts

The Creative Aging Arts Education Program Model



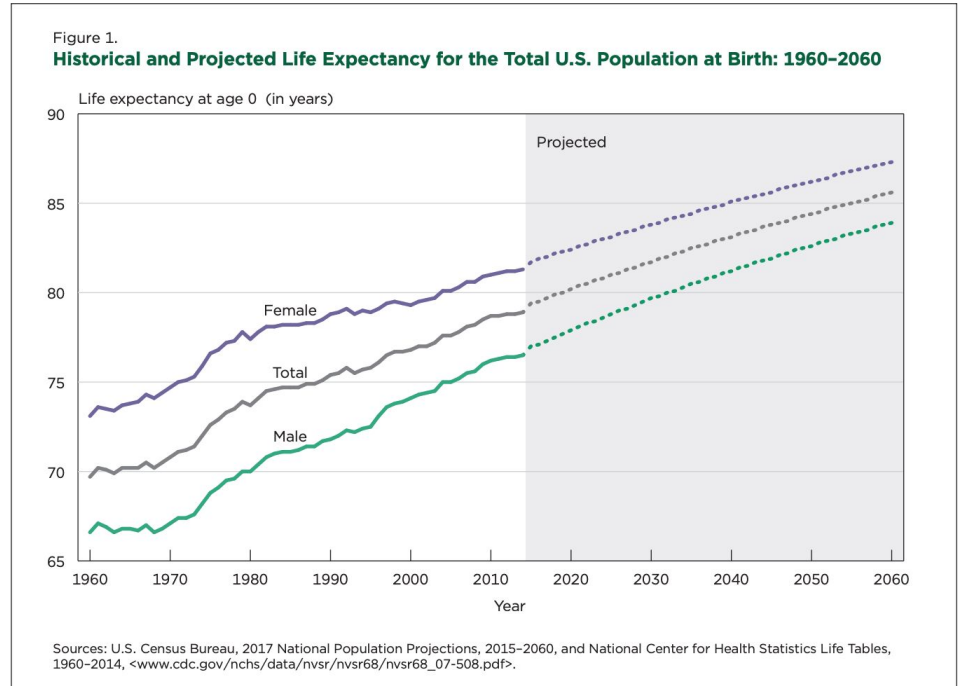
Why is Everybody Talking About Aging?

By the year 2030:

- + 21% of Americans will be aged 55+

By the year 2060:

- + More 60+ adults than adolescents aged 10-24
- + Number of people aged 80+ will **TRIPLE!**



Equity and Older Adults

Persons identifying as BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+ constitute a significant and rapidly growing portion of the older adult population in the U.S.

- + **BIPOC:** Black, Indigenous, and people of color
- + **LGBTQIA+:** Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual.
 - + Anyone whose sexuality is not heterosexual or whose gender identity is not based on a traditional gender binary

Terminology

Using the term “older adults” to describe 55+

- + More inclusive terminology vs. “seniors” or “elderly”
- + Terminology can be culturally specific
- + Check in with your community on how they would like to be identified

Social Isolation

- + Can shorten life expectancy by 15 years
- + Increased risk of dementia and other serious medical conditions
- + Increased for immigrants, LGBTQIA+, BIPOC older adults





What is Creative Aging?

Arts education for older adults.

Using the arts to improve the quality of life for older adults through creative expression and social engagement.

Creative Aging Areas of Practice

Arts Education Programs

- + Goals are:
 - Instructional
 - Sequential skill-building
 - Art creation
- + Participants **self-select** to participate

Therapeutic Programs

- + Goals are:
 - Treatment
 - Recovery
 - Rehabilitation
- + Families, caregivers, and professionals refer older adults to programs

The Creativity and Aging Study

- + Led by Dr. Gene Cohen at George Washington University in 2006
- + Took place over 3 years
- + Conducted in NYC (Brooklyn), San Francisco & Washington, DC
- + Age range: 65-103 years old
 - **Control group**—participated in usual activities
 - **Intervention group**—participated in professionally conducted arts programs



(Cohen, 2006)

The Creativity and Aging Study

Results:

- + Less medication
- + Fewer doctor visits
- + Elevated mood
- + More independent functioning
- + Reduce need for long-term care
- + Less depression, loneliness
- + More activities



Mastery & Social Engagement

Through these creative aging elements, older adults can **learn something new**—or more in-depth—and **make friends** in the process.

Creative Aging Arts Education Components

A creative aging program:

- + Is an art class (visual, performing, literary or music)
- + Is taught by a professional teaching artist
- + Has at least 8 sessions that are at least 90 minutes in length
- + Includes skill-building and sequential learning
- + Has a planned culminating event

Best Practices in Creative Aging

- + Goal: at least 10 participants in each class
- + Registration required
- + Free or fee-based
- + Participants should be encouraged to come **every week**



The Culminating Event

- + Honors the work of the participants
- + Has a clear vision
- + Is appropriate & participant driven
- + Encourages visibility & voice
- + Builds opportunity for social engagement with larger community
- + Supports sustainability
- + Combats Ageism!





Creative Aging in Libraries

- + Open to all
- + Age-neutral
- + Attracts Older Adults
- + Community Learning Center
- + Quality Programs

Creative Aging in Senior Centers

- + Older adults attend
- + Cultural Centers
- + Programming Exists
- + Social Community Focus



Discussion: Reflections on the Model





Older Adult Learners

What's Different About Adult Learners?

Adults:

- + Autonomous & self directed
- + Lifetime of experience & knowledge
- + Goal-oriented
- + Practical

Natural Physical Changes During Aging

Potential Physical Change	Potential Result
Nervous system slows down	Balance problems & slower reflexes
Muscle & lung tissue changes	Decreased lung efficiency
Sensory losses	Vision & hearing loss
Bone loss	Decreased strength, speed & endurance
More medications	More adverse side effects
Changes in sexual function	The capacity for sexual activity & response is retained well into old age

Social and Emotional Changes

The natural process of aging can cause:

- + Financial worries
- + Loneliness & social isolation
- + The “re-wirement” phase

Q&A Session



Homework

Via the Lifetime Arts Service Portal:

- + SAFE Planning Guide
- + Case studies
 - Wyoming Public Library
 - Peru Free Library
 - Johnson City Public Library
 - Dances for a Variable Population
 - Comedy Workshop in Senior Centers
- + Check your email for demo class assignments

Resources & Supporting Research

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Learn more about **intersectionality** through this free online course: [Identity and Intersectionality: More Than the Sum of Our Parts](#)

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