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Creative Aging Foundations Training for Community Educators and Public Programming Professionals

West Valley Arts Council

Day One: Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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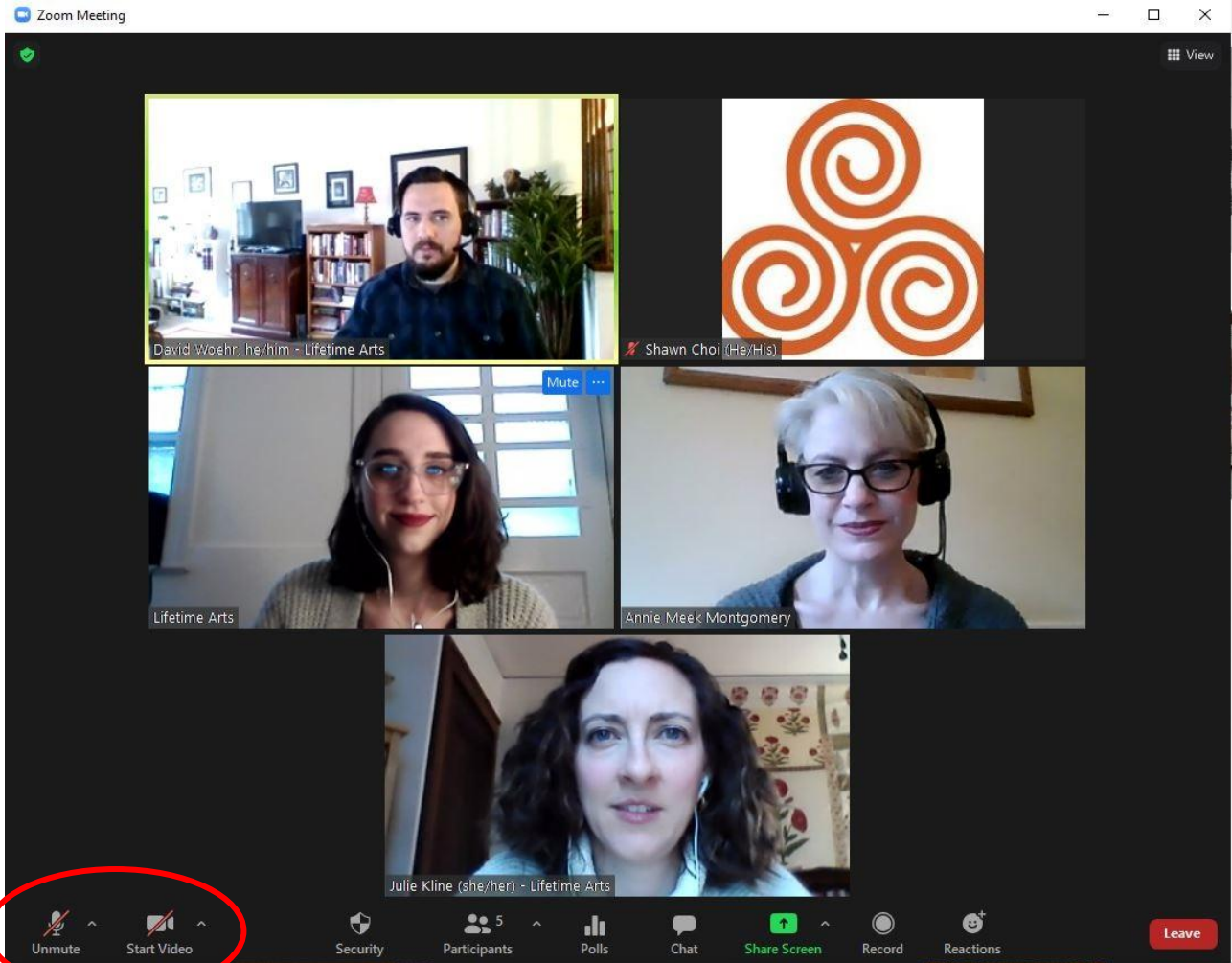
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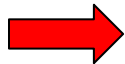
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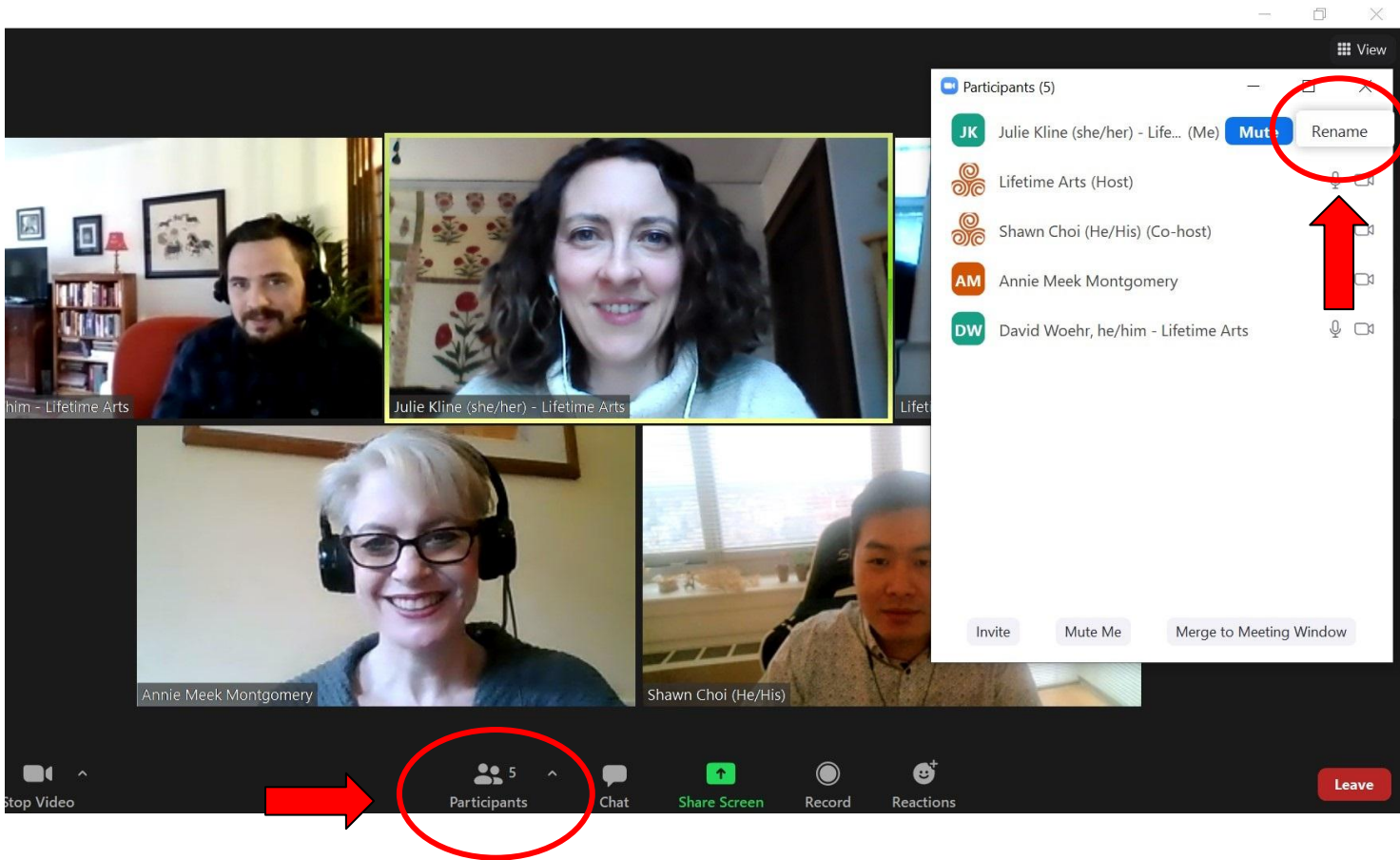
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Lifetime Arts Portal

Access Creative Aging Training, Coaching, & Consulting Services

Training for West Valley Community Educators and Public Programming Professionals

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Wednesday, June 1 – Friday, June 3, 2022 from 10am-12pm MT

Welcome Community Educators & Public Programming Professionals! We are thrilled to have you join this training as part of the West Valley Art Councils' **"Advancing Creative Aging in Arizona's West Valley"** initiative!

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.

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

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Community Agreements

- + Be present
- + Limit distractions in your learning space
- + Take care of yourself
- + Hold space for one another
- + Share only what you feel comfortable sharing
- + Sharing will be anonymous

Introductions



Vinny Mraz
Lifetime Arts Trainer



Lynda Monick-Isenberg
Lifetime Arts Trainer

West Valley Arts Council



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
- + Break
- + Creative aging arts education model
- + Break
- + Older adult learners and S.A.F.E. planning
- + Intergenerational Programming
- + Q&A and wrap-up



Ageism Workshop



Check in With Yourself

What age do you feel like on the inside today?



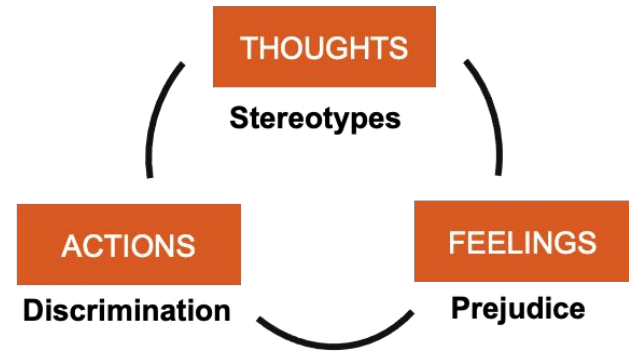
Ageism Defined

Ageism refers to:

Stereotypes → how we think

Prejudice → how we feel

Discrimination → how we act



Directed towards people on the basis of age



Ashton Applewhite

- + Author of “This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism”
- + Spokesperson for a movement to mobilize against discrimination on the basis of age
- + PBS Next Avenue Influencer of the Year in 2016



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



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The Creative Aging Program Model



Why is Everybody Talking About Aging?

By the year 2030:

- + 71.5 million or 20% of the U.S. population will be aged 65+
- + Number of people aged 85+ will **DOUBLE**

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2017)



Equity and Older Adults

- + In 2010, people of color made up 20 percent of the nation's total 65+ population
 - This percent will **double** by 2050

(Espinoza, n.d.)



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 include:
 - Wellness
 - Recovery
 - Rehabilitation

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), Los Angeles & 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
- + 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

- + The goal is to have at least 10 participants in each class
- + Registration is required
- + Class can be free or fee-based
- + Participants should be encouraged to come **every week**

Adaptations for Remote Delivery

+ **Number of sessions**

- In-person: 8 sessions
- Virtual: 4-6 synchronous sessions

+ **Session duration**

- In-person: 90 minutes
- Virtual: 45-65 minutes

+ **Class size**

- In-person: 10 people minimum
- Virtual: Manageable teacher-to-student ratio



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
- + Encourages sustainability



Remote Adaptations: Virtual Gallery

 art.kunstmatrix.com





20/20/20 Break





Older Adult Learners and S.A.F.E Planning & Practice

What's Different About Adult Learners?

Adults:

- + Are autonomous and self directed
- + Have a lifetime of experience and knowledge
- + Are goal-oriented
- + Are practical — they want information

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

Problem: Social Isolation

- + Can shorten a person's life expectancy by 15 years
- + Associated with about a 50% increased risk of dementia and other serious medical conditions
- + Higher rates of mental health issues
- + Increased for immigrants, LGBTQIA+, BIPOC older adults



Social and Emotional Changes

The natural process of aging can cause:

- + Financial worries
- + Loneliness and social isolation
- + The “re-wirement” phase—a time where older adults rethink their hobbies and interests

What Have You Dreamed About Learning?



S.A.F.E Planning Components

- + **S**kills
- + **A**ssessment
- + **F**eedback
- + **E**ngage Socially

Skills

Schedule classes in a sequence and plan each lesson to ensure that one artmaking skill builds to the next.





Assessment

Continually evaluate each student's process and progress and tailor instruction to match the expressed needs of each learner.

Feedback

Provide opportunities for students to talk about their work and the process of the artmaking and learning.





Engage

Tie intentional social engagement opportunities to the artmaking.



Intergenerational Programming

- + Generate community
- + Promote shared learning and creating
- + Provide equal accessibility
- + Combat ageism in both directions

Q&A Session



Homework

Via the Lifetime Arts Service Portal:

- + Review the resources below:
 - SAFE Planning Design Elements for Creative Aging Programs Guide
 - Adapting Creative Aging Course Design for Remote Delivery Guide
- + Watch E.A. Michaelson Philanthropy Video:
 - “Creative Aging: In-Person to Online”
- + Browse our *Connect Through Creativity Now* Campaign Blog Posts

Creative Aging Online Demo Classes

Please have the following:

- + Improv
 - Room to move
 - Space you can make noise
- + Drawing:
 - Paper
 - Pen or pencil (that makes a dark mark)

Resources

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