# **The Inclusion Habit®**

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## **The Inclusion Habit® – Overview**

The Inclusion Habit is a mobile-friendly, evidence-based solution that focuses on changing behaviors and habits via **MicroCommitments** and Reflective Stories.



### Expand Your Comfort Zone

Interacting with colleagues socially takes you beyond superficial discussions. It will enhance your understanding of their ideas and perspectives. Not only will this new connection improve your working relationship, but you might even make a new friend.

Invite a colleague you wouldn't normally ask to have coffee or tea. As you are finding out what your colleague finds important remember to share what you truly care about.

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### **Notice Commonalities**

No matter how different we seem, remember that as human beings there is significant overlap in our hopes, desires, dreams and fears. In fact, we all believe we have the basic rights of health, justice, education, safety and love and belonging.

Challenge yourself to identify what you have in common with those with whom you interact today. Asking open ended questions will help you find similarities.

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### **The Halo Effect**

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Pay attention when you encounter someone new today. Do you conclude specific information from your overall impression? Think critically about whether the specific conclusions are warranted.

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## **The Inclusion Habit® – Habit Building Phases**

**Inclusion Matters** 

Instill a belief the new habit has benefit.

**Transform Mindset** 

Redirect defensive effort to positive change.

**Change Intuition** 

Reprogram systematic errors/overwrite biases.



**Recognize Bias** 

Provide tools to identify and measure bias.



Think Slowly Practice aligning actions

with values & intentions.

Enhance Empathy



Hone inclusivity of unseen diversity.



## **The Inclusion Habit® – Pilot Engagement**



### Desire

One hour meeting with organization leadership

- Assess organization DEI status and priorities
- Discuss best practices and organizational approach

## Mindset Shift

#### Inspiration

20-minute DEI workshop

- Appreciate importance of individual change
- Learn basics of behavior change science
- Understand best practices and implementation of DEI goals

Onboard participants to The Inclusion Habit® daily curriculum



### **Behavior**

Participants engage in The Inclusion Habit®

**Habit Formation** 

- Daily 2-5 minute actions
- Workdays for 3 months

Leadership encourages behavior change

- Send encouragement
  emails
- Send progress report emails

#### Assessment

### Impact

One hour meeting at midpoint to share progress with leadership

One hour meeting at end to share outcomes with leadership

Final report to leadership measuring impact and identifying strategies to sustain impact





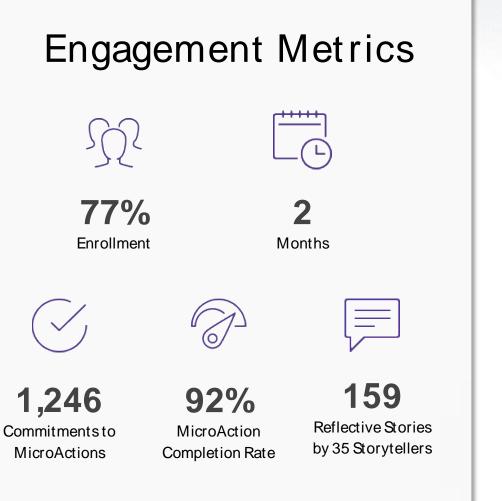
## **The Inclusion Habit® – Continued Engagement**



## **The Inclusion Habit® – Case Study**

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"As the name suggests this exercise definitely becomes a "Habit", I look forward to reading the day's habit as soon as it pops-up. There are many interesting stories and experiences that people share on the storyboard which are both enlightening and thought provoking,"

- Associate, Services Technology

## **Inclusion Analysis**

**90%** Reported More Inclusive Behavior

46% Indicate Changes in Interactions

**14%** Indicate Changes in Perceptions

\*based on participant surveys and shared stories which were qualitatively coded to measure impact of the actions.

35% Described Improved Mindfulness/ Reflection

27% Described Greater Sense of Community

24% Reported Enhanced Connection

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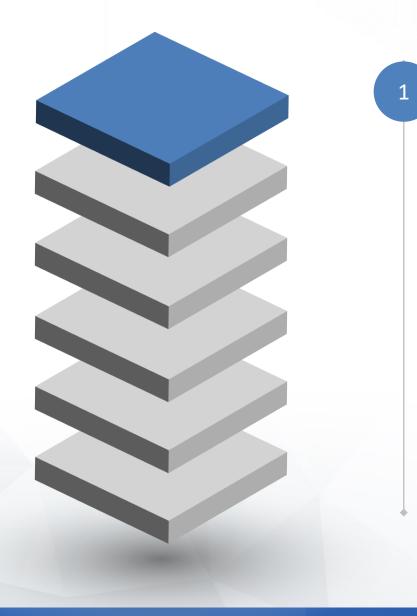
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**Inclusion Matters** 



### **Diversity Makes a Difference**

Diverse companies have 19% higher innovation revenue, outperform other companies by 46-58%, and generate 34% greater returns to shareholders. These statistics are in a blog posted here: https://blog.bonus.ly/diversity-inclusion-statistics.

Take a look and share with a colleague to grow their knowledge of diversity issues and increase your likelihood of remembering the information yourself.





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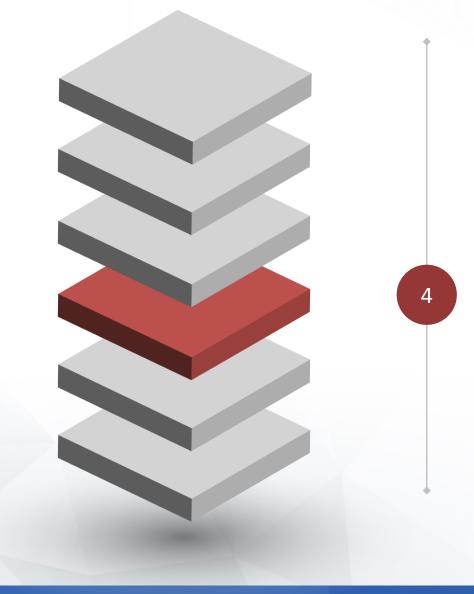


### Learn from Your Mistakes

Recall the last time you made the mistake of doing or saying something insensitive. Fight your mind's natural tendency toward defending the mistake and divert your energy to exploring ways you could have avoided it.

Identify three things you could have done to avoid your mistake. Write them down (because if you write things down you retain them) so you do not make a repeat performance.





## Think Slowly



### Notice Microaggressions

Single microaggressions often go unnoticed because they are small. But because they are pervasive their effects add up quickly and can take a toll on those who are on the receiving end.

Make note of who interrupts who in your meetings today. Notice who is doing the interrupting and who is being interrupted. Are one-down group members more likely to do the interrupting or be cut off?

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### **Change Intuition**



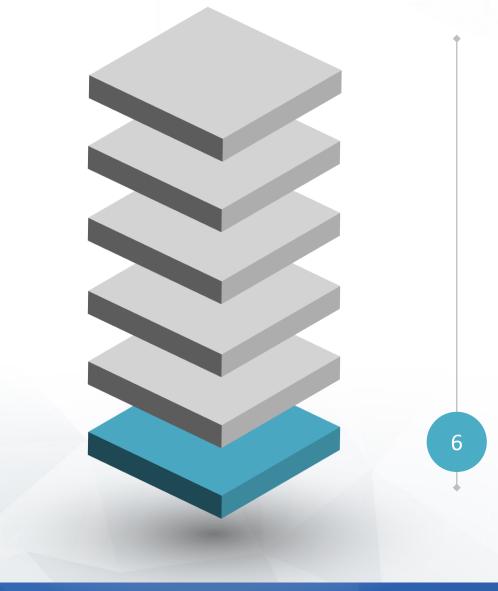
### **Seek Out Difference**

In most facets of our lives we surround ourselves with people who are like us—our family members, our friends, our neighbors. Research shows that exposure to people different than you is the most effective way to enhance empathy and make you act more inclusively.

Today, find someone to follow on social media that is different from you in several ways.

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## **Enhance Empathy**



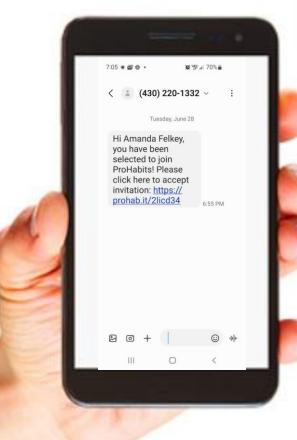
### **Take Another Perspective**

Over a billion people, roughly 15% of the world's population, are currently living with a disability, and rates of disability are rising. Worldwide, this is one of the most marginalized groups of people.

As you go to work today, take the handicapped accessible route. That's right, no steps and no doors that don't automatically open. Notice it if takes more time and energy to get to your desk.



## Invitations



### THE INCLUSION HABIT



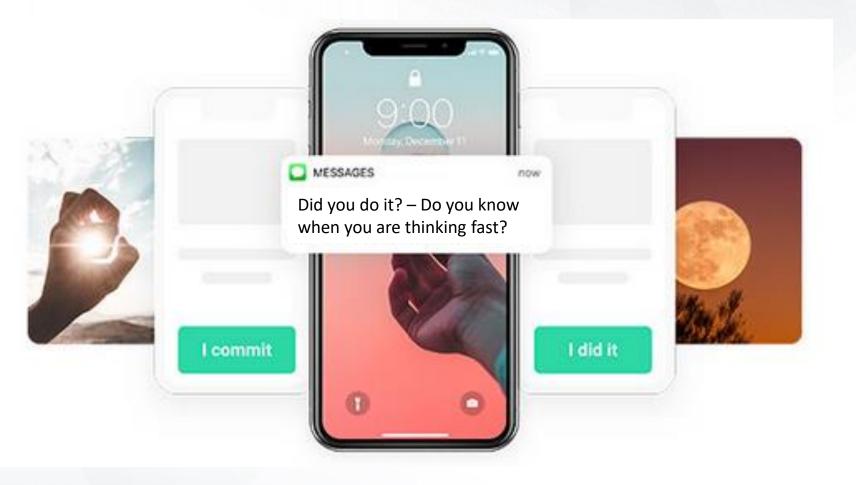
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## **Daily Commitments**





## **Purpose Built Quizzes**

**Brief Quiz** 

Take this 2 minute quiz for a quick snapshot of your current habits so you can track your progress later.



"Self-reflection is the school of wisdom."

- Baltasar Gracia





#### Please share a story about your previous action. To be reflective is to be effective. How did it go today?

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You can tag someone in the story using "@" before the name

#### 29th Jun | The Inclusion Habit (Level 1)

#### Today's Activity - Do you know when you are thinking fast?

When we are performing difficult tasks, multi-tasking, or are under time constraints, we rely more heavily on our fast thinking, gut reactions or intuition. This allows our biases to creep into our decisions. To know how affected you may be by your biases, count how many times today you multitask, operate under a deadline, or do something that is reasonably difficult for you.



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I Did It Today's activity

#### women in group zoom meetin... Read more 1 likes 🚺 🗰 Like N To be reflective is to be effective. How did it go today? Very interesting exercise, I would not have done it if it would not have been because of ProHabits. Thank you! View less i Like BD To be reflective is to be effective. How did it go today?

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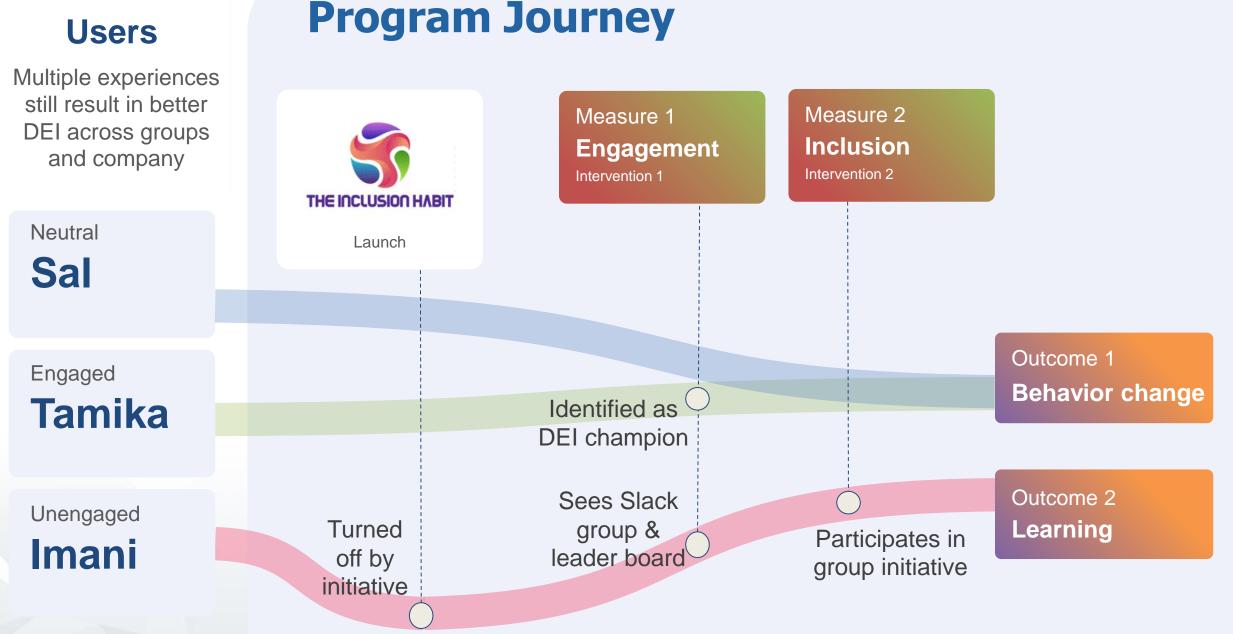
I noticed that I either interrupt or have a response already formulated in my mind rather than truly listening and being present with the person. I will do better at staying neutral and open while listening View less i Like

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