

# **Helping a Person Get Connected:**

## **Action principles for creating hospitality in community.**

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**These are the basic foundational principles for working as an ally to help someone get connected/engaged in their community.**

- 1. Work with one person. No groups. Not ever.**
- 2. Locate and use the welcomers in the place the person wants to be welcomed into. Don't make yourself fully responsible for the person's inclusion.**
- 3. Encourage engagement in activities which have potential for long term relationships to develop. When was the last time you made a friend at a movie or a mall?**
- 4. Know the person's gift and primary talents. Use them as the connecting glue to the other person or group.**
- 5. Involve the person in the valued rituals of the place.**
- 6. Work the sweet spots of community—places where justice, art, or spirit are being activated. These places are vulnerable to the memory of inclusive community.**
- 7. Share your own stories of not-belonging to awaken desire in others.**