Strengthening DEI

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Current Landscape

there is no work-life balance around here

We Lack Role Models

Our Leaders Fail to Lead by Example

Tokenism is Real

A few diversity champions carry the load - and we're tired

Why Does Everyone in Top Leadership Look the Same

why are we focused on DEI when there is real work to be done? there are many topics "off limits" in the workplace

What stance is my company taking on social justice issues?

To get ahead, you have to act like those in charge

We don't need another training program - we need to "do" something

How do we deal with the cancel culture? I am unclear on career progression opportunities

We try to avoid conversations at work that make us uncomfortable

I want to work for a company that cares about me

It is difficult establishing and maintaining networks

Key DEI Stakeholders



Foundational Elements to Strengthen DEI

Define/Reshape DEI Strategy Identify and Develop Leader Champions Seek Expanded Funding Sources **Engage Employees** Communicate Transparently **Evaluate Partnerships Measure Outcomes**

Improve DEI Accountability



When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard nor welcomed, but when we are silent we are also afraid, so it is better to speak.

Audre Lorde Writer and Civil Rights Activist