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**Story Bridge is an experience—one that will crack you up, open your heart, and broaden your mind.**

At Story Bridge, we know that people are living in increasingly divided worlds, and seeing eye-to-eye with someone different from ourselves feels harder than ever. We may want to get past clashing viewpoints and identities—but we may not know how.

## Story Bridge can help your company, school, or organization

- » Promotes and advances DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) goals in your school, workplace or company.
- » Serves as a key lever to promote inclusive community in classrooms or teams.
- » Creates a culture of empathy and listening, where all participants feel comfortable bringing their full selves.
- » Forges new bonds within your community.

## THE PROCESS

With lively energy and sensitivity, Jennifer De Leon and Adam Stumacher guide each Story Bridge participant through a step-by-step process to explore compelling stories from their own lives. After identifying a particularly meaningful story, Jenn and Adam help participants shape and write them, preparing them for a final showcase – where each participant shares their story with the group (or a smaller, more intimate sub-group).

## THE FORMAT

Story Bridge programs are available in-person or virtually, in flexible formats to suit your needs.

Examples include:

- » One-time 2.5 hour session (e.g. teacher professional development, workshop for a student group or staff team)
- » Half-day or full day programs (e.g. company or organizational retreat, professional development institute)
- » Multi-week sessions (e.g. educational seminar)
- » 2-month program (e.g. schoolwide/city/ community event)

## SAMPLE PROGRAM

### Storytelling in the Classroom

*Grades 6-12, all content areas*

#### Goals:

- » Participants will engage in a storytelling workshop that they can implement in their teaching practice to foster an inclusive classroom community.
- » Participants will develop their storytelling skills as a strategy to support engagement and learning for all students.

#### Description:

Storytelling is an essential communications skill and a powerful tool in our toolbox as educators. In this workshop, you will plan and practice an oral narrative, which you will share with colleagues. You will walk away with a powerful community building activity to use in your classroom, and you will strengthen an essential skill to support teaching and learning across all content areas.

## YOUR FACILITATORS

**Jennifer De Leon** is the award-winning author of the YA novels, *Borderless*, featured on the TODAY show, and *Don't Ask Me Where I'm From*, as well as *White Space: Essays on Culture, Race, & Writing*. She is an Associate Professor of Creative Writing at Framingham State University and faculty member in the Creative Writing & Literature Master Program at Harvard University. Jenn is a speaker, presenter, and educator who loves to connect with readers of all ages.

**Adam Stumacher** is an author and educator whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Granta*, *Narrative*, and others. He has taught at MIT, The Harvard Kennedy School, and also in prisons, conferences, and community events around the country. An award-winning educator and leader in urban schools, his storytelling has been televised on *Stories from the Stage*, and his commentaries on education appear on NPR.