Social Justice Discourse Videos: DISCUSSION GUIDE

Here are some general discussion questions when running a group discussion after you watch some of the videos of Deaf community members (and maybe some interpreters). If you would like to have a more in-depth discussion or study a particular issue mentioned in the videos, please refer the other sections in the online module: NIEC’s Social Justice Education Infusion Module.

- What stood out to you? Was there anything you learned that surprised you?
- Based on the video you watched, which part impacted you the most?
- Based on the video you watched, which part do you have experience with?
- How do the answers affect you as a future interpreter—your professionalism, values as a professional, concern for members of your community, the economy? Why might they be of concern?
- What do you think are the underlying issues (e.g., wages, class, race, gender, education, etc.) that have led to these answers?
- As a group, brainstorm all the ways and reasons that interpreters may be impacted by these videos.
- Is what was described in the videos reflective of what you have seen in the community? Do you see these topics differently after having reviewed the videos?
- Why might it be difficult for Deaf community members to come together to advocate for improved conditions and to organize for their rights?
- What kinds of public policies and incentives could be created to foster more community driven standards? What other opportunities exist to elevate industry standards and practices?
- How do your values, faith, and/or community shape you as an interpreter? How has watching these videos affected your perspective on your role as an interpreter?
- What are some actions or forms of advocacy that we as professionals can take to help change and improve conditions?
- How could we help support the movement of Deaf community members and their affiliates are building?