Vision 2020 grant application

Project title: Human Library event

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Abstract (150 words or less): Human Library events are “a worldwide movement for social change” and have been held across the world. More information about the movement is available at http://humanlibrary.org/. Our event will be an opportunity for students to engage in conversation with individuals that are different from them; individuals whose life experiences or culture or religion or skin color are such that they have a different worldview. There will be “books” available for checkout that represent different types of people. The movement tagline is “Don’t judge a book by its cover.” Students may come to this Human Library and “check out” a person for conversation for a brief period of time. Some examples of “books” would be a Muslim, a Drug Addict, a Homeless person, a Veteran, a Police Officer, etc. Our hope is that by promoting conversation students will learn more about how human beings are more alike than different.

Narrative (200 words or less):

Our goal is to offer IU South Bend students the opportunity to enhance their understanding of different types of people. Developing social empathy is an important life skill (Segal, 2011, http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2011.564040) and Diversity Learning is an important High Impact Practice. Engaging with “others” helps students to explore “difficult differences.” (https://www.aacu.org/leap/hips)

Assessment will include a questionnaire following student conversations and those students that participate in the Human Library event as part of a class requirement may have additional evaluative methods that we will ask professors to share with us.

We envision working with select faculty members to recruit students to attend the Human Library event on a set date in fall semester 2017. Some likely classes are those in Counseling, Social Work, Psychology, and Freshman Year Seminars. Some faculty members have already expressed interest and considered relevant assignments for students. The Human Library event would be held on campus. Comfortable seating pods for two people will be arranged, and there will be refreshments available. Organizers and “books” will be wearing identifying t-shirts. Each student participant will select from available “books” and the pair will then be allowed to converse freely for a set period of time (usually between 15-30 minutes).
AY1 Budget

Human Library event
Budget

Publicity

Salary for graphic design student to adapt Human Library graphics for posters and publicity
10 hours @ $10.15 hour = $101.50
FICA tax @6.93% = $ 7.03
**SALARY TOTAL = $108.53**

Posters created at the WERC
Creation of 30 x 40 poster, mounted on foam for easel display = $35.00
25 Color 11 x 17 posters for campus publicity = $15.00
**POSTER TOTAL = $50.00**

Catering

Catering for 100 participants by Dining Services/Sodexo
Lemonade 3 gallons @10.99 ea. = $32.97
Iced tea 3 gallons @12.99 ea. = $38.97
Water 3 gallons @9.99 ea. = $29.97
Cookies 8 dozen @6.99 ea. = $55.92
**CATERING TOTAL = $157.83**

Honoraria

Barnes & Noble gift cards for participants ("Books")
$20 gift cards for 20 people = $400
**GIFT CARD TOTAL = $400.00**

T-shirts
[http://www.indiana.edu/~purchase/contract/Promotional/promotional.php](http://www.indiana.edu/~purchase/contract/Promotional/promotional.php)
Estimate from 4Imprint: $10.45 per shirt (color shirt, one-color imprint). Estimate 7 committee members + 20 books (27 x $10.45) = $282.15

**GRANT REQUEST TOTAL = $998.51**

The sustainability of the project is dependent on funding for each year of involvement. If Vision 2020 funding is not available, funds could be requested from Academic Affairs and various departments to piece together monies. There might be outside agencies that would be interested in partnering on this initiative as well.
The Human Library planning Committee has been meeting since late fall of 2016. We plan to speak to faculty members this spring to garner interest and commitment to the project, select an event date, and complete logistical planning and publicity over the summer months. We tentatively plan for the event to be held mid-semester in the fall semester of 2017.

Pending assessments and reception, we will begin planning for AY2 of project. No budget is given for AY2 at this point in time.