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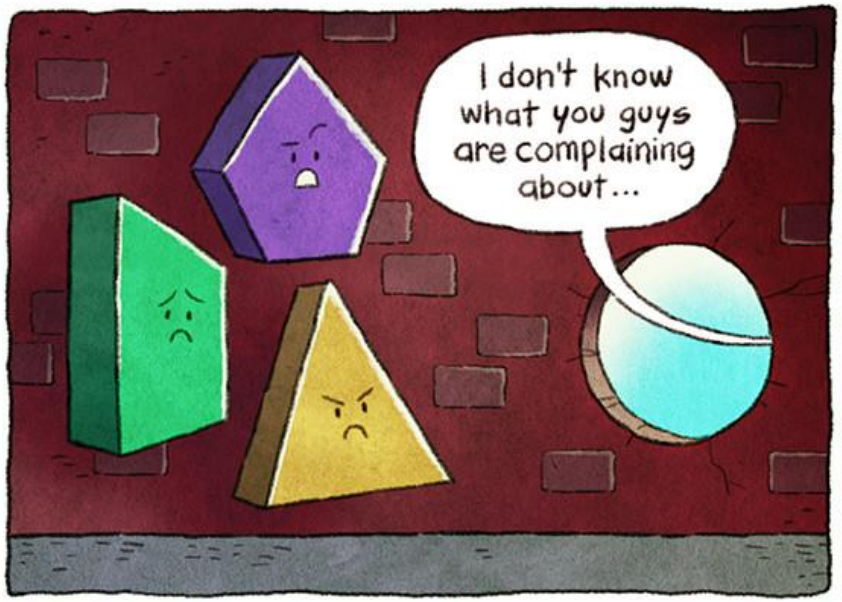
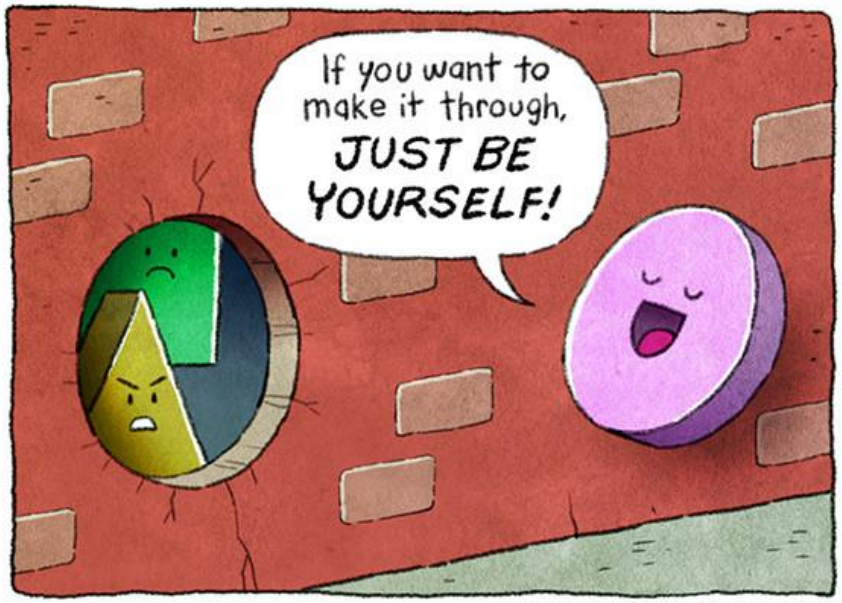
Elements of Community Engagement

- Bring people in: be inclusive[1,2]; nurture collaboration[2]; engage stakeholders, authorities, and local resources (e.g. volunteers)[3]
- Align the program with the community's vision, values, needs[2]
- Share control[3]; listen & learn[1]
- Build community capacity[2]
- Build toward sustainability, working with existing community resources[1]
- Conduct research, adapt your approach[3]





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What can Community Engagement Look Like in Research?

- Partnerships with community agencies
- Recruiting – individuals, agencies
- Participant/patient engagement in research (e.g. advisory boards, true co-design of interventions)

..... and beyond

Nothing about us

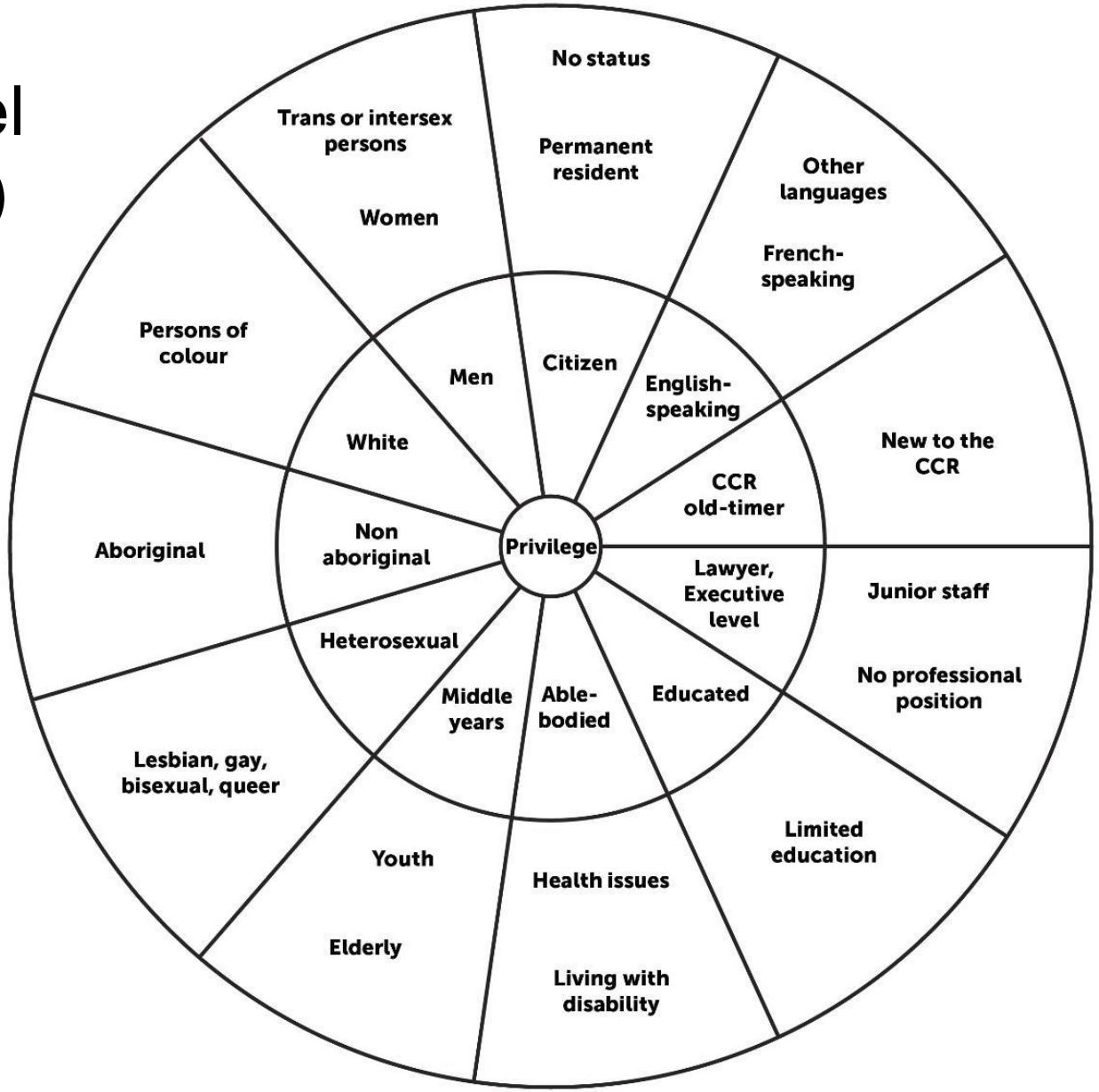
without us

The Power Wheel (Social Location)

Canadian Council of Refugees[4]

Life is **intersectional**: everyone is shaped by the *interaction* of different social locations.

Everyday experience is shaped for many by multiple oppressions.



Tips to Building Inclusivity[4]

- Keep track of how often you speak
- If speaking on behalf of a group you don't belong to, be aware of the line between *their experience* and *your interpretation* of their experience
- Avoid making assumptions about who is taking part in the discussion – don't assume group members aren't present to speak for themselves
- Don't interrupt or speak over people
- Pay attention to the kind of language you're using.
  - Is it respectful? Is it accessible and easy to understand?

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