Move beyond performance fads, status quo, and grand gesturing. It’s one thing to state a mission, vision, or commitment; it’s a whole other thing to equip teams to question those statements through curiosity, inquiry, and intellectual engagement. Gain exercises for developing agitation spaces and norms for disrupting the master status quo narrative of neutrality and objectivity. By the end of the year, you’ll be equipped to build a team of allies, accomplices, and disruptors by focusing on the intersectionality of lived experiences of the silent minority. Lastly, we will engage in De-Centering exercises to promote the success of Black, Latinx, and low-income students by aligning their needs to the overall priority of the school or organization. Be ready to bring documents and data. This will not be a hypothetical series, but one with expected organizational changes. Ideal for one school leader and one mid-level manager or classroom teacher to join as an organizational pair.

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