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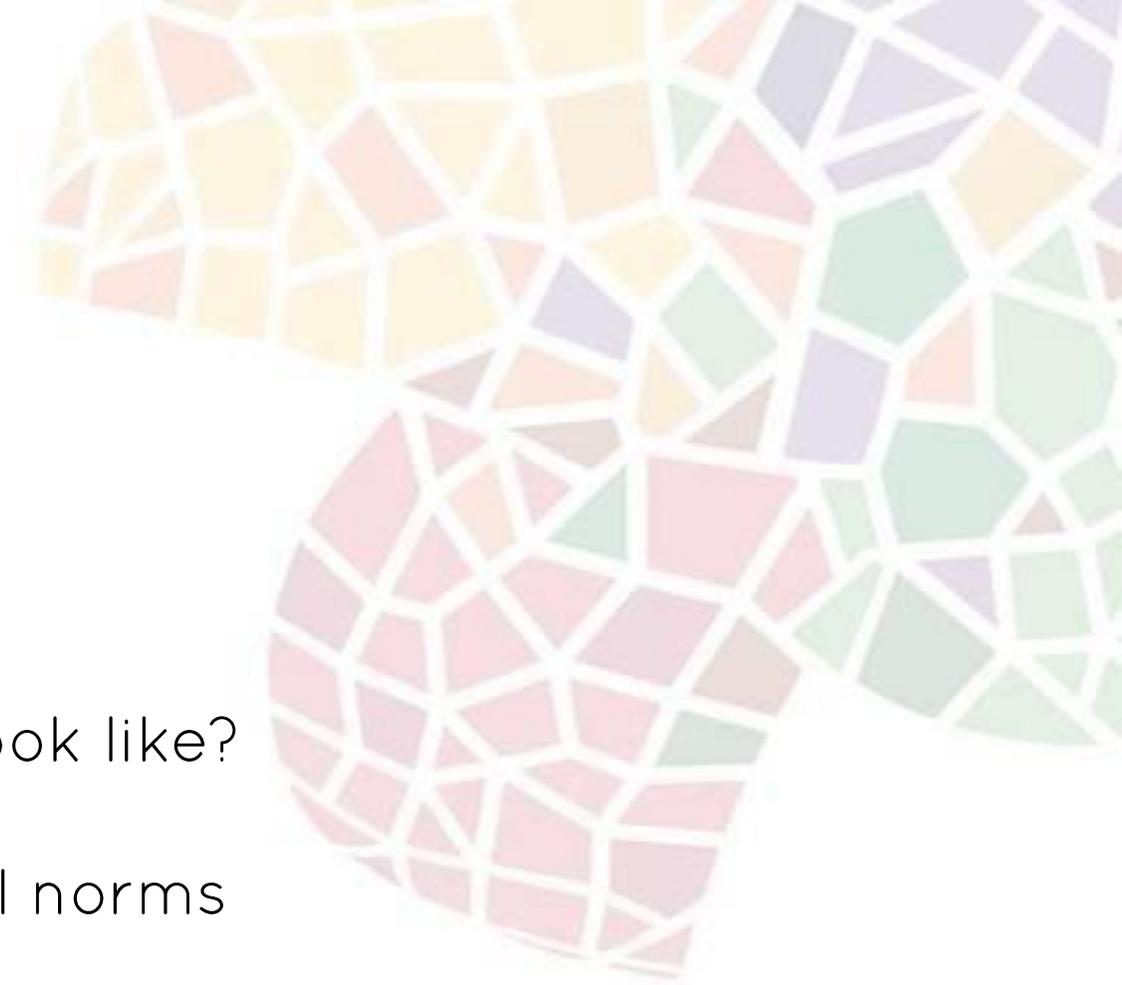
1. What is one community you are a part of?
2. Share a word or phrase that describes the leadership with/in your community.

August 6th

**Making Change:
Discovering and Disrupting the Story of Us**

Snapshot Share & Discussion

- What does community leadership look like?
- What practices, activities or cultural norms support community leadership?





Freedom Gardens Update: Gardening For Life & Liberation

We know that the food system is built upon land theft and genocide of Indigenous people and the exploitation of Black and Brown labor. We believe that it is time to heal from that history of oppression and reconnect our communities to land and food sovereignty.

Buffalo Food Equity Network

YORK State:

We want to hear from you!
Share your experiences, influence policy, and learn about selling to institutional markets.

TO ATTEND, REGISTER AT: <https://bit.ly/nysblackfarmers>



New York State Black Farmers Listening Sessions:
Food Policy & Access to Institutional Markets

Two options to make your voice heard:

Buffalo Food Equity Network

Giving the gift of gardening to people in areas most impacted by COVID-19



Larry Garrison tends to his Freedom Garden in Buffalo.

Collective
leadership?
START SMALL.

How do we make decisions together in a rapid response manner? How do we honor the leadership of young people while supporting them in whatever they are going through? It is an unanswered question.



**We see leadership
from different angles,
and it's still a challenge
to actually live it
everyday with every
decision one is making.**

Intergenerational Multilingual Storytelling Soundscapes

Leadership Defined- Together Baton Rouge

“To me, what it means to be a leader is to use my voice to amplify the voices of others.”

“Now I wouldn't say leadership in the sense of chairing the group, of directing the group but leadership in the sense of being an active participant, you know, agitating, knowing when to add and when to take away, when to listen, when to learn, you know just kind of developing those skills.”

Abel Thompson

TBR Leader





Developing Skills

“Y’all are real good leaders at putting me ...in front of the Metro Council or the Executive Committee; you're putting me in situations that make me feel uncomfortable; I mean that I would normally feel uncomfortable in and developing those skills to make it a little easier for me to navigate in. and I think each time I do a little bit better....”

Abel Thompson

Together Baton Rouge Leader

We value restorative
justice & do this by
meeting tension with
compassionate
curiosity.



Starseed Earthroot

We value moving at the
pace of trust and ensure
this by using consensus-
based decision making
models that diffuse
hierarchies.

WHAT ARE WE
DISCOVERING ABOUT
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP?



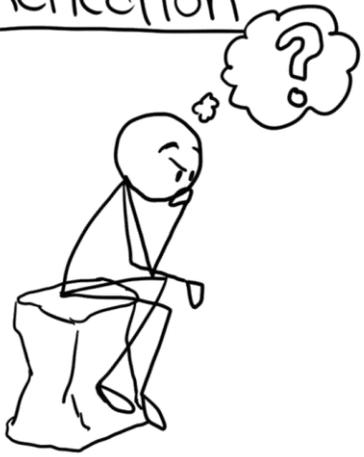
HOW DOES THIS SHOW UP
IN OUR STORIES?

**WHAT STORIES ARE WE
TELLING?**



TO WHOM? WHO IS THE
AUDIENCE?

Reflection



How do any of these principles show up in what we just discussed?

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

All members are leaders

People are the authors of their own lives

We share power based in cultural practices & group dynamics

People must work collectively to understand the reality they seek to transform

People can and do practice transformation in their lives, relationships & communities

People are resilient despite constraints

