

## Addressing the Roots of Sexual Violence Prevention Discussion Guide

Thank you for helping student reflect on tangible actions they can take as students in changing the culture. Helping them make this realistic and actionable can prevent sexual violence from happening. The skills they learn here can help them contribute to preventing sexual violence in the communities they are a part of for the rest of their lives. Thank you for engaging them in a meaningful way on this important topic for us all.

### Initial Processing Questions

- What are some key points you want to remember from Keith's talk?
- What has been your experience with sexual harassment, sexual assault, or rape?
- What is the hardest part about communicating consent in intimate situations?
- Where have you seen messages that support sexual violence?
- How can you intervene at the roots of sexual violence?
- What makes intervening hard? What would help?

### Deeper Level Processing Questions

- How does sexual violence impact you?
- What would it mean for you to be proactive in addressing sexual violence in your communities?
- What are the most common mis-understandings around consent among students?
- What would it look like, sound like, feel like, if informed consent were broadly understood and practiced?
- How can you help create that reality?
- What examples of rape culture have you noticed?
- When have you spoken up against rape culture or other forms of oppression and felt that it went well? What can you learn from this?
- What is one thing you want to do this week to help end rape?

### Key Points to address should they not come up in team conversation

- People of all gender identities, sexual orientations, racial groups, and more can be victims of sexual violence. Those who experience oppression experience higher rates of sexual violence.
- We need to add to the traditional reactive approaches a proactive approach.
- We live in a rape culture that encourages, condones, and teaches particularly men to rape particularly women. This rape culture is also at the root of sexual violence against men and trans\* and gender non-conforming folks.
- We are all very well mis-educated by individuals, institutions, and our culture as a whole about what it means to hook-up and have sex. This mis-education leads to perpetration of sexual violence and victim blaming of survivors.
- The rape culture is all around us. If you have not noticed the rape culture, it's not because it is not there but because it is everywhere.
- There are tangible, concrete, specific, and doable things each of us can do to change the rape culture and prevent sexual violence.