# tijd

Social identity statements	30 min
Important terms	30 min
Building your persona's	30 min



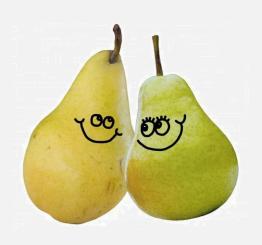
# Step into your students shoes







# Pair up with someone you don't know



- Introduce yourself to each other
- Share what made you sign up for this workshop



## After this workshop you will...

- .. be (more) aware of your **own social identity** and how this comes into play in your role as an educator.
- .. be able to describe the **concepts**: diversity; inclusion; equality; equity; and sense of belonging.
- .. be able to explain what is the importance and potential of inclusive education.
- .. have challenged yourself to take the perspective of an 'other'.



## Challenges



- Awareness on own positionality and experience of the 'other'
- Attitude towards EDI and role of a teacher in this
  - Shyness to act
  - WICKED problem
- Knowledge and language on EDI
- Competencies to create and safeguard diverse and inclusive education
- Context: time & resources & support









- Society is becoming more aware of its diversity, but a matching transformation in higher education is missing. Discrepancy between society and HE is becoming bigger and bigger.
   (Pulinx et al., 2021)
- Individuals in HE cannot reach their full potential, society is missing out on the capacity of these individuals. (Emmers & Pulinx, 2023)
- A diverse & inclusive learning environment increases the academic and social competences of all students, not just students of underrepresented groups. (Ruijs & Peetsma, 2009).
- When disagreement comes from a socially different person, we are prompted to work harder.
  Diversity jolts us into cognitive action in ways that homogeneity simply does not. (Phillips, 2014)

- 4 statements
- Per statement choose with identity sign applies to you the most
- Short dialogue after each statement





This is the part of my identity I am most aware of on a daily basis



This is the part of my identity I am least aware of on a daily basis

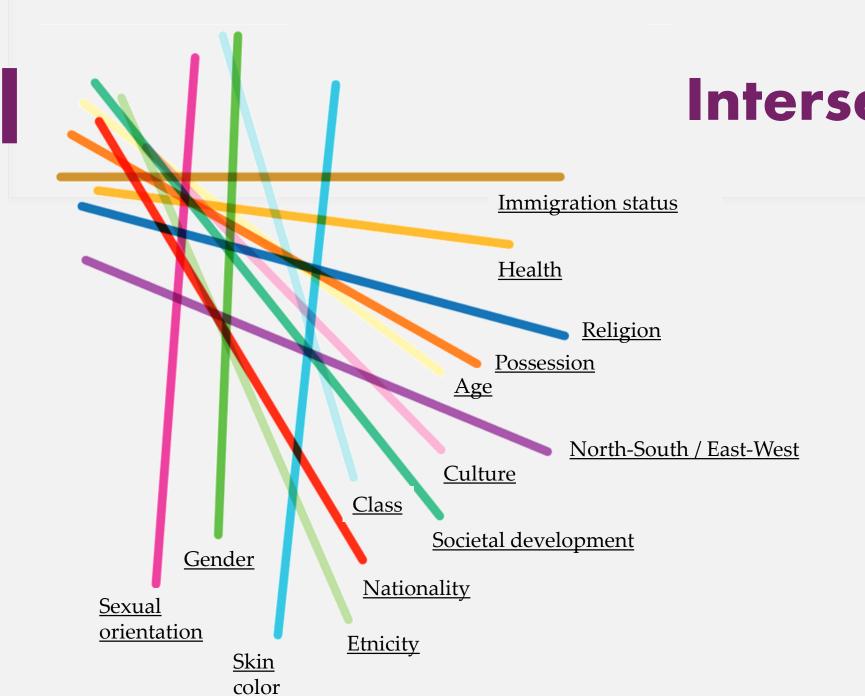


This is the part of my identity that was **most important** or emphasized **in my family** growing up



This is the part of my identity I feel most misunderstood about by people who identify different





# Intersectionality

axes of identity forming Helma Lutz, 2002

# **Crenshaw's 1989 landmark essay:**

"Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics



# Big concepts, what do they mean?

**Diversity** 

Inclusion

**Equality** 

**Equity** 

Sense of belonging





In this first image, it is assumed that everyone benefits from the same support. They are being treated **equally**.



Individuals are given different support to make it possible for them to have equal access to the view. They are being treated equitably.



any support because the cause of inequality was addressed. The systemic barrier has been **removed**.

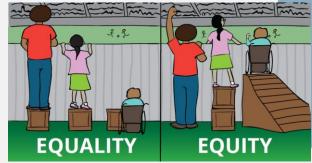
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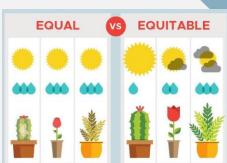
## INCLUSION

Thoughts, ideas, and perspectives of all individuals matter

#### BELONGING

Engages full potential of the individual, where innovation thrives, and views, beliefs, and values are integrated





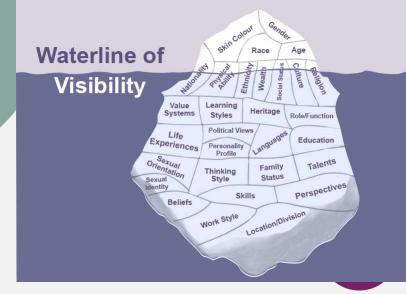
### **EQUITY**

The fair treatment of all people to ensure full participation and advancement



### DIVERSITY

Multiple identities are represented



## Influence of belonging on learning:

- Enhanced Academic Performance
- Retention in STEM Fields, specifically for women, first-generation and minority students.
- Increased confidence, reduced anxiety
  & stereotype threat
- Increased self-efficacy
- Enhanced problem-solving and collaboration skills

## Think pair share

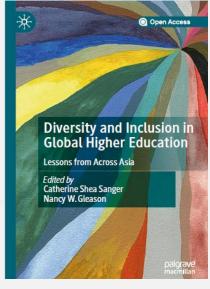
What could you do to increase the **Sense of belonging** for your students?

- Think for yourself 3 min
- Pair up with your neighbour 5 min
- Share with the group 5 min



## Strategies for Inclusive teaching:

- Get to know your students and let them get to know each other
- Make positive feedback part of your course design
- Find out what the unwritten rules are in your course and be transparent on these (hidden curriculum)
- Share success strategies (for learning) with your students
- Choose varied teaching techniques and formats (including assessment)
  - Think pair share!
- Make peer-to-peer learning part of your course
- Diversify articles and sources used for the content of the course, both on authors and perspectives.
- Assess students' experience of the inclusive environment during the course through course evaluation
- Keep reflecting on your own biases & power position



Sanger & Gleason, 2020



## How diverse and inclusive is your course?

## **Intended learning outcomes**

E.g. To what extent does this course prepare you to work in a diverse society?

## **Learning activities**

*E.g.* To what extent are learning activities organized so that all students can participate?

### **Assessment**

E.g. Do you feel that your identity and opinions play a role in how you are assessed rather than just your knowledge and skills?

### **Study material**

*E.g.* To what extent is the literature for this course diverse?

### Role of the teacher

E.g. To what extent does the teacher (consciously or unconsciously) use words/expressions that may hurt or exclude you or other students?



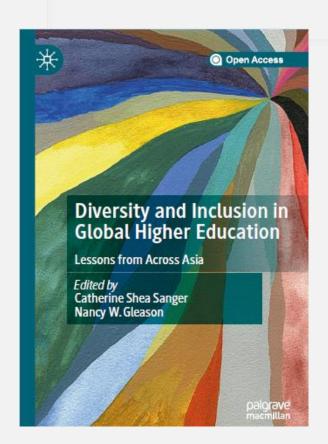
## Stepping into your student shoes

- Build 2 personas of fictive students from one of your courses
- Create personas that challenge your own perspective & positionallity
  - E.g. do you have more extraverted qualities? Create a persona with introverted qualities

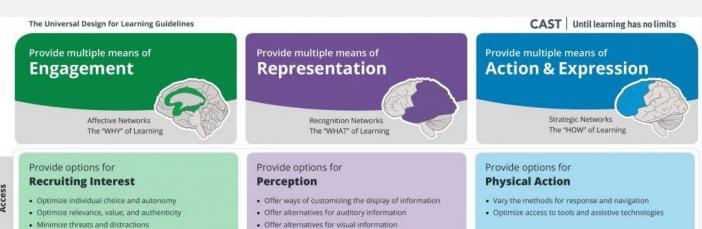




# Inclusive classroom pedagodies



Researching strategies (UDL) on inclusive teaching Sanger & Gleason, 2020





The VU Mixed Classroom Educational Model Ramdas, Slootman & Oudenhoven-van der Zee (2019)



Universal

**Design for** 

Learning

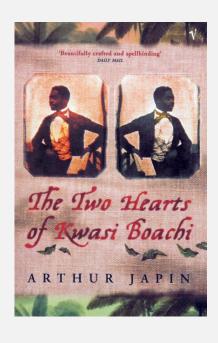
(UDL)

# Get more knowledgable on specific -isms (personal tips)

- BBC Podcast: NB: My non-binary life
- Documentary: Cripcamp: a disability revolution
- Book (Arthur Japin): The two hearts of Kwasi Boachi









## Our (cultural) identity shapes our perspective

### 10-15 min

- 1. How did you experience filling out the wheel?
- 2. What makes you (not) aware of your identities?
- 3. What is the role of others in how you experience your identities?
- 4. What could lead to misunderstandings between how you experience your identity and how others perceive you?
- 5. How could this play a role in teaching and learning? Thinking about you as well as your students.

