

Face the Facts: Understanding Urban Poverty

Our award-winning poverty simulation, previously a component of our Urban Immersions program (suspended indefinitely), Face The Facts focuses on education and awareness on the complexities and root causes of poverty, privilege, and social justice issues within our communities.

Each simulation experience starts with discussion to set the foundation and tone for the exercise and is followed with a collaborative debrief to think critically about choices, experiences, and assumptions made during the training. In doing so participants take steps towards unpacking and unlearning harmful ideologies we have come to know and accept as our norm.

WHERE: Our poverty simulation can be conducted on site at our retreat center which comfortably holds 40-50 participants. The simulation is also mobile and can be brought to your site with no mileage fees for those in the Twin Cities Metro.

TIME: Simulations can be completed in as little as an hour and a half but can also take up to three hours. We are able to be flexible to meet your groups scheduling needs. Generally we request two hours.

PARTICIPANTS: Understanding that some of the topics and experiences built into our simulation can be triggering, participants are invited at the start of each training to step out at any time, to listen to their bodies and minds, and do what is best for them.

We advise that groups be no smaller than 20 and that participants are at least 11 years of age (6th grade).

CUSTOMIZATION: This simulation is available as is or can be tailored and customized to the specific needs of your group.

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