## Power. Privilege. Oppression

## Opening Doors: Equity in Deaf Communities

**Workshop Description**
This virtual workshop will give participants an opportunity to explore **power, privilege, and oppression (PPO)** within **Deaf and DeafBlind cultures**, supported by **real-life examples** and lived experiences. We will learn **key PPO terminology**, discuss these concepts in **breakout rooms**, and share our thoughts, perspectives, and observations. Together, we will examine **how PPO shows up in our communities** and consider ways we can **adjust, improve, and approach these topics with greater awareness and respect**.

**Educational Objectives**

- **Identify and define key PPO terminology** as it applies to Deaf and DeafBlind communities.
- **Analyze real-life PPO scenarios** and explain their impact on Deaf and DeafBlind individuals.
- **Apply PPO concepts to personal and professional practice** by recognizing biases and choosing one strategy for improvement.

**Workshop Activities**:

1. **Breakout Group Exploration**

Participants will be divided into breakout groups to apply concepts from the presentation. Each group will analyze a PPO-related scenario and discuss how power, privilege, or oppression shows up in the example. Participants will then share their insights with the larger group.

2. **Skill Demonstration & Lived Experience Sharing**

Participants will reflect on their own experiences working with Deaf and DeafBlind communities. Each person will identify a moment connected to PPO concepts and demonstrate how it relates to the terminology introduced in the workshop.

3. **Integrated Q&A**

Questions will be welcomed throughout the session to encourage real-time clarification, deeper understanding, and open dialogue. This helps participants connect the content to their personal and professional experiences.

4. **Hands-On Story Analysis**

Using real stories from the community, participants will identify which PPO terms apply and explain why. This activity encourages critical thinking and helps participants recognize how PPO dynamics appear in everyday interactions.

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**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Target audience: Working, certified, and pre-certified interpreters anywhere in the US.

**NOTES:** E-Handouts will be provided. The workshop will be presented in ASL. No voice interpretation will be provided. For details on refunds, cancellations, and special accommodations policies, please send an email to info@trixbruce.com . Trix Bruce promotes a learning environment free from discrimination and bias and encourages mutual respect for all participants.

My workshops benefit participants at all levels. Countless advanced interpreters have let me know that they enjoyed learning updated/new signs that they haven't seen before, such as regional accents. They also loved it when I explained how to sign messages into ASL, rather than just signing in English word by word. Interpreters appreciate that my workshops are excellent for review as well as for discovering new things that apply within the professional work environment. Students also mentioned that my workshops helped them to understand how to approach their own projects, research, and practice more effectively.

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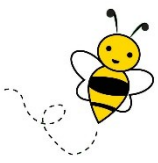
She has led trainings and performances in 49 states across venues such as Deaf schools, DHH programs, and disability support settings. Audiences consistently praise her ability to blend deep linguistic insight with practical tools and cultural context. As an entrepreneurial educator and celebrated entertainer, Trix Bruce brings clarity, connection, and joy to every learning environment. TrixBruce.com



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