

Checklist for Inclusive Meetings

Review your list of attendees: Are you missing people who represent diverse or dissenting points of view?
Be respectful of others' schedules. Try to start and end meetings on time.
Send the agenda out ahead of time.
Greet each meeting participant warmly, by name, so everyone feels welcome.
Introduce everyone. Do not assume everyone has met before.
State ground rules up front and make sure they explicitly foster inclusion.
Use <u>inclusive language</u> .
Remain engaged in the conversation from beginning to end and remove distractions such as your cell phone.
 Mediate and facilitate: Keep track of who's talking and who isn't. Exhibit zero tolerance for interruptions. Prevent anyone from dominating or derailing the discussion. Give credit, acknowledge input from others, and highlight contributors.
Follow up after the meeting through email or instant message; thank participants for attending and ask for their feedback.