CIVILITY CORNER

The Presence of the Door County Civility Project Since 2013

Through the help of Oshkosh Civility Project and the writings of Dr. P.M. Forni, we put together a packet of materials to begin our goal to advance and secure commitment to the principles of civility.

Defining Civility broadly- weaving together restraint, respect, and responsibility in all our interactions with others.

Presenting to any organization in the county a short introduction to civility and its 9 tools and a more lengthy training to those who chose to implement civility.

Securing pledges by individuals and organizations the intent to be civil and use the tools in their communication with others.

Working with the areas school districts to display a billboard at their athletic events to remind parents to be civil by being respectful.

Collaborating with other organizations to provide continuing training in issues crucial to maintaining a civil community. Some examples are “Crucial Conversations”, “Bystanders/Upstanders”, and for several years a winter lecture series at Gibralter Auditorium. Southern Door High School asked us to assist them with their civility curriculum. At different sites in the county a training helped people to provide their point of view to their political representatives. We also went to businesses and asked them to put up a sign that said “We Welcome All”.

Providing a monthly column in local newspapers on civility topics for over five years.

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