Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Statement

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The Forum and its members are committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion and eliminating structural racism and inequities within the organization, the field of education abroad, and our communities.

Core Beliefs:

- We believe the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusivity should be embedded within the structure of the organization and integral to the Standards of Good Practice.
- We believe in diversity as essential to our success. The inclusion and celebration of each individual's voices and experiences enriches our organization and our work with members, professionals, and students.
- We believe that education abroad can be a tool for cultivating anti-racist and decolonial thought in students.
- We believe in creating safe spaces for belonging, communication, sharing and learning.
- We believe we have the responsibility to actively inform and engage the field of education abroad in a way that fosters inclusion, promotes equity, and combats structural racism.

How We Manifest This:

By engaging in dialogue, sharing best practices, research and innovation, and professional development, The Forum strives to address and provide critical resources and a forum for discussion for the field of education abroad, with particular consideration of groups who have been historically excluded or marginalized or minoritized impacting access to education abroad.

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