



• **Confronting Gender-Based Inequity in Classrooms and Schools** •

Presenters: Ellen Tuzzolo and S. Leigh Thompson

Audience: *Teams comprised of education leaders and general educators including superintendents, assistant superintendents, curriculum coordinators, principals, directors of special education, teachers, special educators, interventionists, coaches, counselors, etc.; as well as educators in higher education and community members representing organizations that work with children and youth across the state of VT.*

How can we expand our understanding of gender to create equitable environments for students, families and colleagues? In this interactive and fast-paced workshop, participants will examine how gender-based inequities interfere with creating authentic relationships between educators and students, and how that interference affects us, our students and our work. Using the *equity literacy framework*, participants will consider their role in counteracting gender-based inequities, and practice recognizing and responding in a classroom context.

For as long as she can remember, Ellen Tuzzolo has been fighting for racial and social justice as a K-12 educator, youth organizer, youth program director, and trainer. She has developed and facilitated workshops for public school educators and staff, college faculty, and youth development workers about creating and sustaining equitable environments in which youth can grow and thrive.

S. Leigh Thompson of GoBeyondDiversity.com is a consultant and facilitator supporting creative and critical exploration and dialogue about equity, diversity and inclusion. A non-binary trans, white and Native queer with disabilities, Leigh has spent the last 20 years studying and practicing Theatre of the Oppressed, popular education, and other creative, embodied techniques to address issues related to systemic power, privilege and oppression.

The VT-HEC Board has approved additional support for this offering from our Mission Investment Fund, enabling us to lower the cost of this special series to \$35 for the spring workshop.

Dates: March 19, 2019
Place: Capitol Plaza ~ Montpelier, VT
Cost: \$35 (lunch included)
Time: 8:30-3:00



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