

CROWDSOURCE COFFEE RESOURCES FOR:

Creating Brave Spaces With Staff and Students

- October 12 at 10am

★ **PRIMARY RESOURCES:** We ask that you at least spare about 10 minutes before the Crowdsourcing Coffee to review this resource related to handling difficult conversations. *This step is optional, but highly recommended. So even if you don't have any time, we still encourage you to attend!*

- [Toolkit item: How to Control the Heat: Quick Ways to Effectively Manage Difficult Topics & Situations](#) (<5 min read)

★ **SECONDARY RESOURCES:** Have a little more time to spare and/or interested in additional resources? We've got you covered.

- Resources re: **preparing for hard conversations in schools**
 - [We Are Teachers: Principals Share Their Tips for Keeping Cool During Hard Conversations](#) (<5 min read) advice for managing your own emotions, with examples from principals
 - [Corwin: Seven Keys for Courageous Conversations by School Leaders](#) (<5 min read) general advice around conversations with staff members
- Resources re: **talking about race**
 - [Beginning Courageous Conversations About Race](#) (10 min read) with four guidelines to frame dialogue about race and equity (also applicable to other conversations)
 - [The Atlantic: Do Conversations About Race Belong in the Classroom?](#) (10 min read) interview with Beverly Daniel Tatum, author of *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*
- Resources re: replacing safe spaces with **brave spaces**
 - [The Art of Effective Facilitation: From Safe Spaces to Brave Spaces](#) (15 min read) 2013 paper that introduced the term "brave spaces" in the field of social justice education
 - [The Six Pillars of a Brave Space](#) (5 min read) provides a framework for how to approach difficult topics
 - [Priya Parker: Causing Good Controversy](#) (3 min clip: 4:46 - 7:39) a TedTalk on creating meaningful gatherings
 - [Brene Brown: The Heart of Hard Conversations](#) (47 min, transcript included) podcast conversation between Brene Brown and Aiko Bethea on inclusivity at work

★ **Portico Toolkit Resources:**

- [Successful Learning: Provide Students Opportunities to Be Comfortable with Discomfort](#)