# SEL ADVISORY #2

MIRRORS, WINDOWS, & TRANSFORMATIVE EMPATHY



#### REMINDER: SEL ADVISORIES FOCUS THIS YEAR:



Taking Care of Ourselves



Taking Care of Others

### You are the average of the 5 people you spend the most time with.

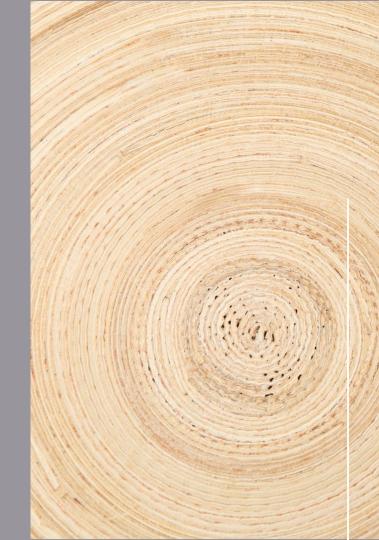
#### Jim Rohn



Types of Communities

The ones we find ourselves in

The ones we create for ourselves



#### CIRCLES of TRUST

COUNTHYANCES

ARE CLOSE TO BUT
DON'T TRUST
WITH YOUR **THOUGHTS** & SECRECTS.

PEOPLE YOU

TRUST FULLY

& KNOW

WILL ALWAYS BE

THERE FOR YOU.

Inner Circle

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Best way to get back to calm & ready is our inner circle

#### Inner Circles Are Like Mirrors



#### Mirrors

Mirrors are important to help us understand ourselves. Mirror communities help us find safety and belonging in the spaces we live in.







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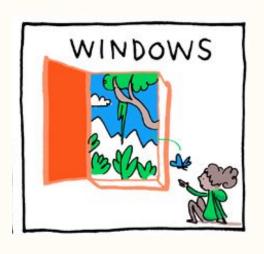


With only mirrors, we never see our own biases





#### What Are Windows?

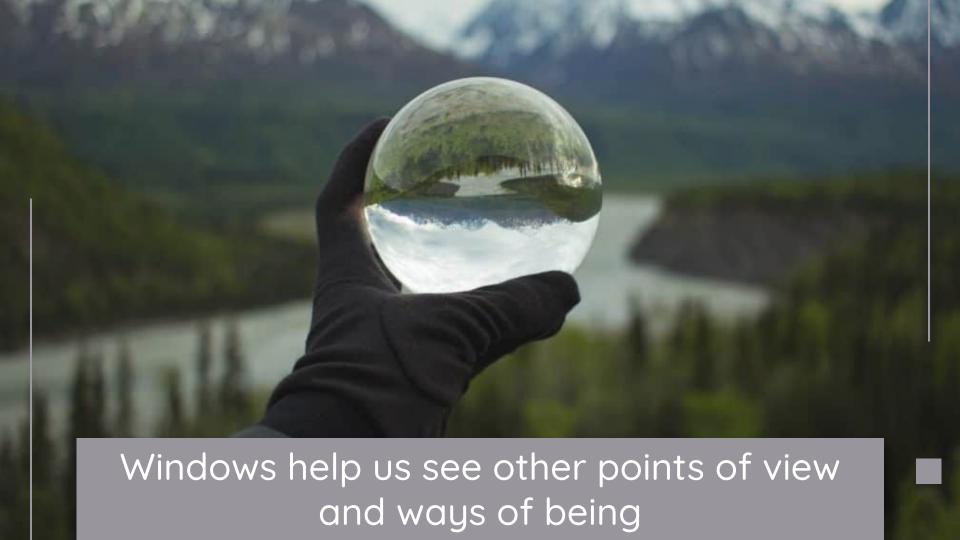


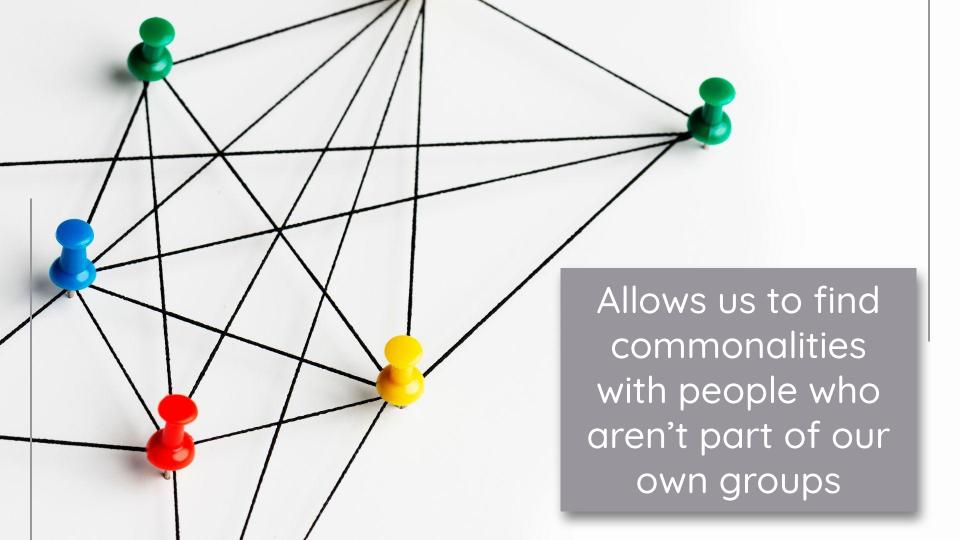
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Windows are connections and openings we have to experiences different from our own.

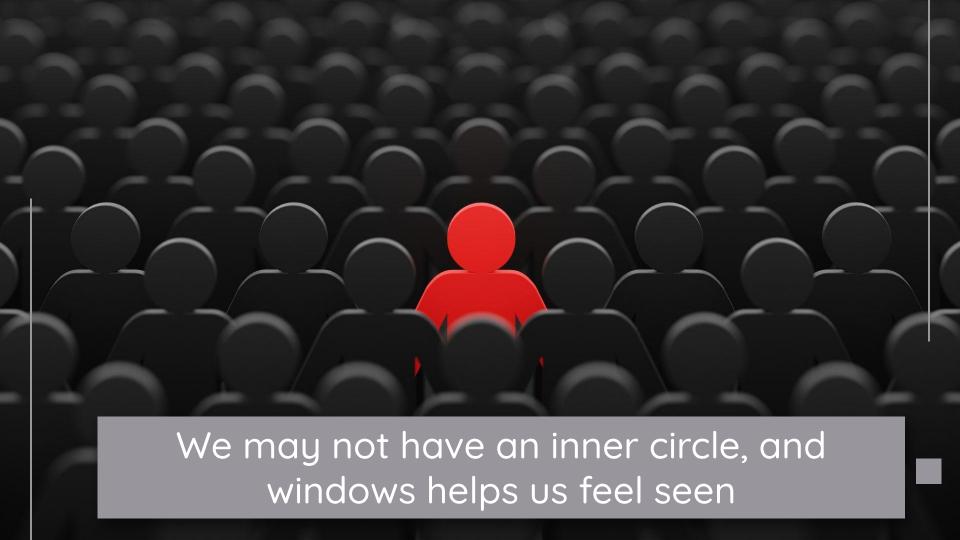


Why do we need windows?













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# Transformative Empathy

#### TRANSFORMATIVE EMPATHY

Deep - A feeling AND an action

Pushes us out of our comfy inner circle to build bridges across differences

Accepting - Affirms others as they are - full allowance







## BRIDGE BUILDING - EXPRESSIONS OF TRANSFORMATIVE EMPATHY

DEEP LISTENING

"I'm going to step back, hold space, and tune into you" CANDID & KIND COMMUNICATING

"I'm going to communicate honoring my own needs and honoring your needs as well" UNDERSTANDING & ALLOWANCE

"I'm going to push past my comfort zone and seek to understand you, though you are different" ACTS OF CARE & SUPPORT

"I'm going let your influence or change me and I'm going to make a choice to support you based on what you need"



