Let Us Reintroduce Ourselves

Hello and welcome to the IDE Network of the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC). We would like to reintroduce ourselves to you, as it may have been a while since we last connected. We have new and exciting developments underway and hope you will join us for the journey ahead. Find us on Slack: https://idec-org.slack.com/archives/CHJNFQX96

Who Are We

The IDEC Diversity Network is currently under the co-leadership of Roberto Ventura and Tanesha Albert. We exist as a brave space where plans and strategies can be discussed to develop means of inclusion, diversity and equity within both interior design education and interior design practice. With a structure of shared leadership, we partner with people to focus on the development of inclusion, diversity and equity as a core foundation and rule to the existence of interior design, not the exception. Our mission as a group is to: inform our discipline of issues related to inclusion, diversity and equity; educate ourselves as a collective in how these systems have developed over time and affect the human condition; and leverage these efforts to change how we educate emerging interior designers to engage these complex issues through the built environment.

What Are We Doing

Under our team leadership structure, several initiatives have been underway to better define who we are and what we are working towards. These priorities include creating a foundation to develop:

- an Inclusion, Diversity & Equity (IDE) statement for IDEC
- inclusive activities for IDEC conferences, both regionals and national
- inclusive initiatives for JID
- a standing forum to discuss IDE within IDEC
- a rebranded personality for the IDEC Diversity Network

What Are We Here For

We aspire to be the organization within IDEC that pushes issues of inclusion, diversity & equity to the forefront of interior design globally. To do so, we strive to work in partnership with interior design educators, the academy, professionals, and their organizations and associated affiliations. Serving as leaders and allies, we hope to spur knowledge, action, and change to strengthen interior design.

What Is Next

As a tangible measure to what the IDE Network is undertaking, we see to develop the following within the next 365 days:

- IDEC National Conference Event to address issues of inclusion, diversity and equity
- Reviewing the body of knowledge
- IDE as a scholarship line for regional and national conferences
- IDE as a scholarship line for JID