

Language Matters

**affirming identity, humanity,
and existence**

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We are going to ...

1. Introduce ourselves
2. BCLTA language resolution
3. YOU participating
4. Some language impacts
5. Doing the work
6. Hearing back from you

**BCLTA's 2017 Resolution on the
Rights of Transgender,
Gender Variant,
and
Two-Spirited People**

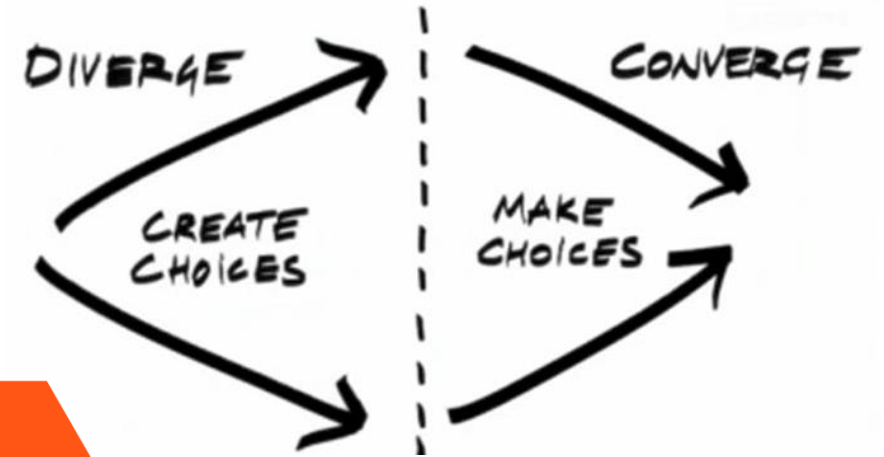
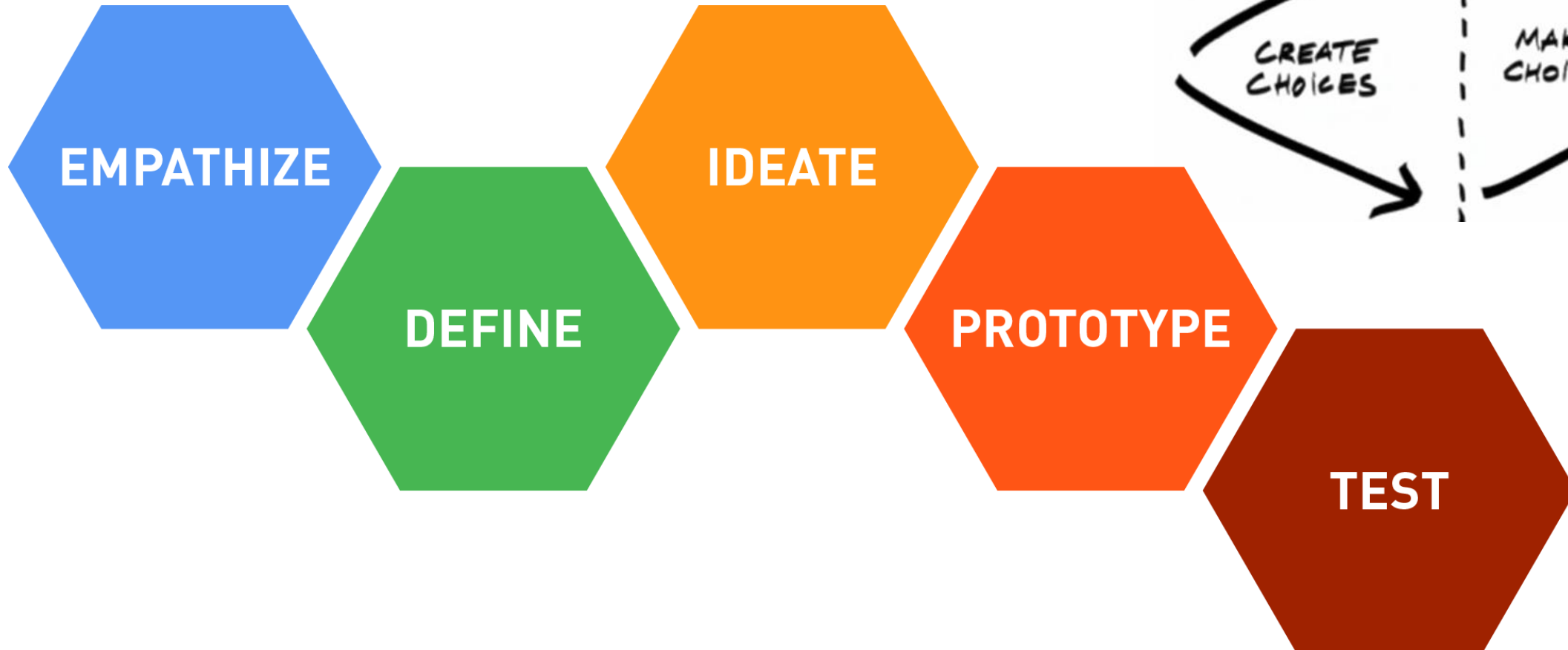
Talking about ...

**Rights of Transgender, Gender Variant,
and Two-Spirited People**

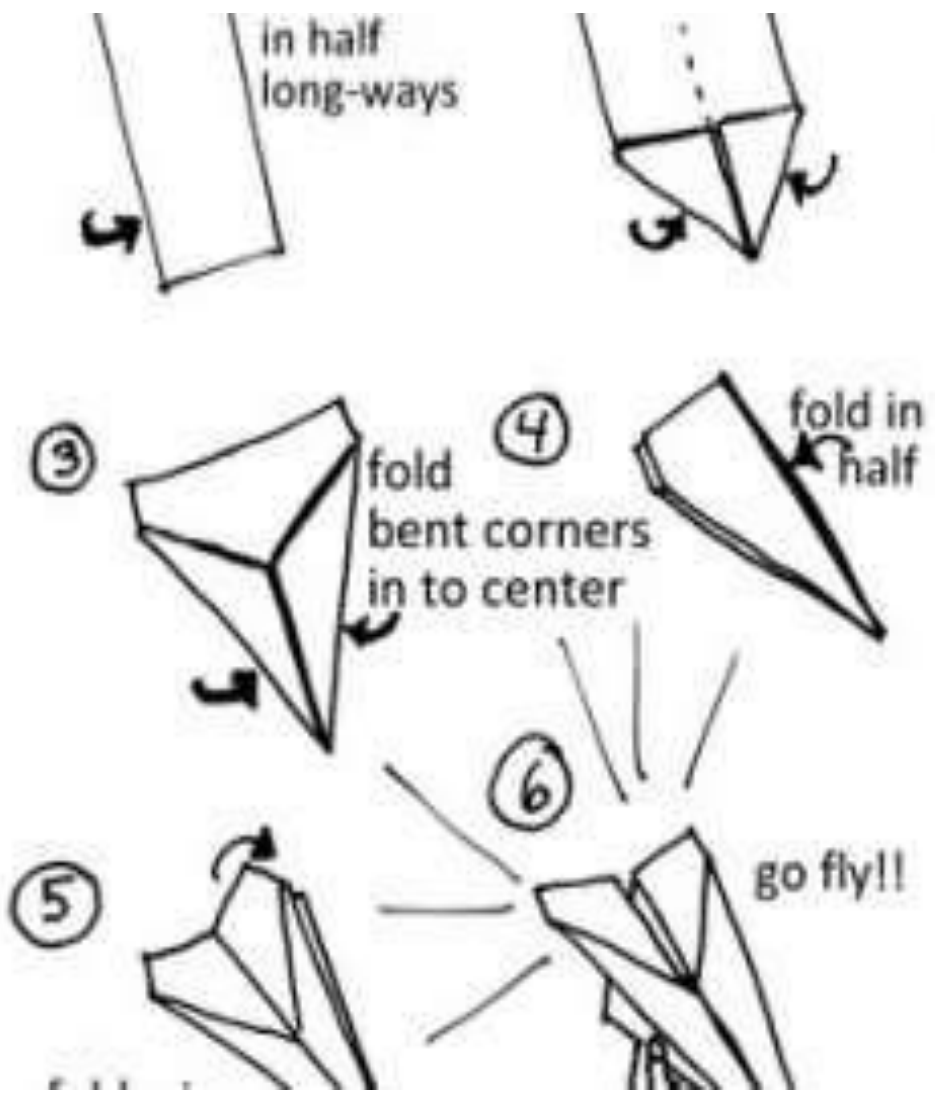
AND

Allyship

Creative Problem Solving and Design Thinking



Paper Airplanes



**“where there is a word,
there’s a history”**

Harlan Pruden

TwoSpiritJournal.com

Talking about ...

Some language impacts:

**“They came, they saw,
they named, they claimed”**

(Linda Tuhiwai Smith, *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*)

Doing the work

Lukw'il aam!

**“assume positive intent;
own negative effects”**

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hay'sxw'qa si'em, miigwetch,
t'ooyaksiý' níin!

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