



ABOUT THE UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH

## Anti-Racism Organization Expands Reach to Over 5,500 Participants

*A powerful collection of allies sparks a renewed sense of activism in thousands of participants over the first quarter of 2022.*

**May 2, 2022** — The powerful anti-racism activation experience known as [A Long Talk About The Uncomfortable Truth](#) has expanded its reach to include over 5,500 participants across the nation.

The organization, which began hosting conversations in June of 2020, continues to build on their relationships with college athletics, while expanding their reach across the country through new and exciting partnerships.

“The diversity in the types of groups we are working with has been inspiring”, said Kyle Williams, Chief Empowerment Officer of A Long Talk. “By bringing these transformative conversations to corporate boardrooms, independent schools, accounting firms, public K-12 schools, and of course, colleges and universities, we are empowering all types of people to do all types of things. Through our conversations, we’ve seen, over and over, people transform into more effective and confident anti-racists who we believe will stay engaged in consistent, courageous, continuous actions that oppose racism. These individual actions begin to build the foundation for cultivating a culture of anti-racism in every space they occupy.”

A Long Talk’s work over the first quarter of the year:

- **Corporate:** Participants from **USRowing, GRF CPAs & Advisors (MD), Dev Technology (VA), LinkedIn, Bentley Systems (PA),** and **Deutsche Investments** joined us for anti-racism activation conversations. Dev and LinkedIn participated in our one hour, *Cultivating A Culture of Anti-Racism* conversation, while we conducted full A Long Talk experiences with the others. USRowing CEO Amanda Kraus commented, *“I’ve joined a lot of these conversations over the years, but this one really stood out as one of the strongest I’ve heard.”*
- **Independent Schools:** **Northfield Mount Hermon School (MA)** and **Phillips Academy Andover (MA)** became the first private, independent schools to have an experience with us. NMH held two sessions for staff and students totalling 120+ people, while 28 members of the Phillips Academy community became Pillars of Change on that campus. NMH student leader, Henry Perkins shared, *“Being antiracist is a skill that needs to be worked at, developed, and continually improved. I’m ready to engage with the application of this work.”*
- **Colleges and Universities:** Nineteen different institutions (see logos below) had at least one group participate in A Long Talk over the first quarter of 2022. Leading the way was the **University of Pennsylvania**, with sessions for five different teams in addition to their **Alumni Office**. The **Ivy League Office** also hosted a full session for their leadership staff. Additionally, we held a live, in-person session at **The Wharton School** for two of Professor Eric Orts’ graduate classes.

# A LONG TALK

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## About A Long Talk About The Uncomfortable Truth

A Long Talk About The Uncomfortable Truth is a transformational experience that produces active anti-racists through the power of conversation. The experiential approach hosts inclusive and constructive talk sessions that give participants the opportunity to become educated, inspired, and empowered to take concrete actions to combat racism; to help non-racists get off the sidelines and become active anti-racists. Once activated, participants are supported by an active learning community of people who've planted their flag on the right side of history. To tune into this special session or to request the services of A Long Talk, [visit alongtalk.com](http://alongtalk.com).

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*Thank you to all of our Q1 participants:*

