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### **FROM LISTENING TO ACTION: CO-CREATING SOLUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT**

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#### **ABSTRACT:**

In this presentation, we explore the transformative impact of community engagement in the wake of the 2020 racial movement in Minneapolis. Led by Dr. Anita Randolph at the University of Minnesota, we emphasize a "community-first" approach that prioritizes listening and collaboration. We'll discuss strategies for building sustainable partnerships, conducting comprehensive needs assessments, and opening new avenues for data collection to empower communities and foster Black resilience, inspiring the next generation of underrepresented scientists.

#### **THEMATIC FOCUS: LISTENING CLOSELY | RESONANCE | DISSONANCE & RESILIENCE**

#### **BIO(S):**

##### **ANITA RANDOLPH**

Dr. Anita Randolph was the founding Director of the Community Engagement and Education Hub at the Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain at the University of Minnesota and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics. She is a first-generation, underrepresented neuroscientist whose research focuses on the intersection of addiction and mental health disorders. Dr. Randolph has conducted engagement projects throughout the US and Africa in Ghana, Tanzania, and South Africa. She previously served as director of the Youth Engaged in Science (YES!) Initiative, which aims to make STEM more accessible to underrepresented minorities.

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