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Skokie School District 73½ and SkokieCares are pleased to announce a SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) seminar starting this fall. The mission of the [National SEED Project](#) is to drive personal, organizational, and community change toward greater equity and diversity.

SEED seminars are not lectures. Rather, they include interactive activities and conversations often stimulated by films and readings. Through personal reflection and testimony, listening to others' voices, and learning experientially and collectively, SEED equips us to connect our lives to one another and to society at large by acknowledging systems of oppression, power, and privilege—and challenges us to push for change.

This SEED cohort will be led by three SEED facilitators:

- Stacy Alcala, District 73½ Preschool Teacher
- Aasia Shahid, District 73½ Instructional Assistant
- Katie Swierenga, District 73½ Grade 1-8 English Language Teacher

District 73½ will host this SEED seminar on Thursday evenings from 5:00-8:00 pm (dinner is included) on the dates below. There is no fee for participating, and participants are required to commit to all 10 sessions:

- November 16, 2017
- December 14, 2017
- January 18, 2018
- February 22, 2018
- March 15, 2018
- April 19, 2018
- May 24, 2018
- June 14, 2018
- Last two dates to be determined by group

If you are interested in participating in this SEED seminar, please complete the [online interest form](http://bit.ly/skokieSEED0917) (<http://bit.ly/skokieSEED0917>) by October 20, 2017. Space is limited, and we will notify you by November 3, 2017 whether or not we can accommodate you in this seminar.

If you are unable to commit to the dates of this seminar, but are interested in participating in the future, please complete the [online interest form](#) and check the appropriate box so we can keep you informed about additional opportunities to join other SEED seminars later this year and beyond. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please email Kate Donegan (kdonegan@sd735.org).

We hope you will consider participating in a SEED seminar as part of our community's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.