



Rites & Responsibilities

RESTORING RITES OF PASSAGE FOR HEALING, JUSTICE AND LIBERATION

An online, communal inquiry and initiatory journey for white, white-assimilated, and white-passing folx committed to generating healthy passages in their lives, families, and communities.

Rites of passage are a keystone practice in human cultures: many other elements of cultural health depend on meaningful, relevant, and intentional transition rituals to mark the cycles and seasons of our lives. When such practices are lost or destroyed, everyone suffers. **When they are restored, the whole community can flourish.**

Over nine months, in a slow-and-steady arc, we will build a community of mutual care and accountability designed to support each of us in **bringing meaningful, culturally-responsible rites of passage ever more deeply into our lives,** families, and communities.

As we study, share, reflect, practice, grieve, organize, and celebrate, we will create space for our points of connection and shared experience as well as honoring the intersectional differences between us. Participants will **receive individualized support for the specific contexts they are working in** and/or work in caucus spaces as supports their initiatives.

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Darcy Ottey (she/they) is a cultural practitioner, educator, writer, and researcher. The descendant of Quaker settlers, British coalminers, and Ukrainian peasants, rites of passage have been part of Darcy's life since her youth. This path led her to guide wilderness trips for teens, serve as Executive Director of Rite of Passage Journeys, and venture to the lands of her ancestors to understand more of her history.



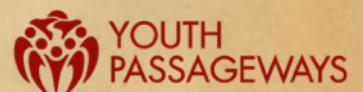
Sharon Shay Sloan (she/her) is a community steward committed to nurturing communities and communities of practice. She is a white American of Ulster Irish descent, meaning her ancestors are from northeastern Ireland where the land meets the sea. Since 1997, Shay has been a practitioner of rites of passage and circle practices. She is co-editor of the book *Protecting Wild Nature on Native Lands*.

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Ages 16+
All Genders



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