

More Alike Than Not: Can We Still Be Friends?

with Arif Choudhury and Susan O'Halloran



Susan O'Halloran is a writer, performing artist, corporate consultant, television personality and keynote speaker whose stories explore the complex issues of social justice. Susan is author of a diversity curriculum, four books of fables and producer of video and films. Her public and on-line seminar business, Starting Change, offers workshops in such topics as *Breakthroughs in Cultural Awareness* and *The Power of Story: How to Get Your Message Out to the Press, Fundraisers and the Community*. She lives in Evanston, Illinois and can be found at: www.susanohalloran.com

Arif Choudhury is a Bangladeshi-American Muslim storyteller, filmmaker and stand-up comic. He tells humorous stories of growing up in the only Bangladeshi-Muslim immigrant family in north suburban Chicago. When Arif isn't performing he is shooting documentary films and working as the Managing Partner of Endeavor Accounting, a small business accounting firm. Arif currently lives in Northbrook, Illinois.

Deepen the impact of your anti-racism initiatives!

This is NOT just another diversity program!
More Alike Than Not will captivate
your faculty's and students' imaginations
with the **power of storytelling.**

With funny, challenging and affirming stories, Arif and Sue explore misconceptions and common threads in immigration, assimilation and life passages bringing alive their distinct histories *and* our common humanity.

Now *More Alike Than Not* is also available for your school and family programs!

Arif is a younger Bangladeshi-American Muslim man who likes to eat junk food while watching sports on TV. Sue is an older Irish-American woman who was raised Catholic and likes to eat vegetables and exercises at the gym. Can two people who are *soooo* different still be friends? Of course! Using song, dance, poetry, stuffed animals, fables, audience participation, and stories from their childhoods, Arif and Sue teach students to value differences—the differences of others, and their own unique identities. *More Alike Than Not: Can We Still Be Friends?* is especially good for your school's Character Counts, Diversity Day, and Anti-Bullying programs. Programs are immediately available for grades K-12 and family programs. Arif and Sue can also tailor the program to fit your school's or parish's particular needs or area of focus.

"These stories are important for us all to hear. In *More Alike Than Not* we are given the opportunity to walk around in the shoes of someone who is a stranger to us because of their faith and ethnicity. At the end of the performance, those shoes begin to feel comfortable. *More Alike Than Not* is a must-see for everyone, young and old, who wants to make our increasingly diverse society more user-friendly."

David Merrin and cantor, Jan Mahler, Beth Hillel B'nai Emunah (Wilmette, Illinois)

"Susan O'Halloran's refreshing and engaging style touched a central common core and facilitated dialogue and a deeper understanding of diversity at our parish gathering."

St. Viator Parish, Chicago

"Sue far exceeded our expectations. Even though we were there to talk about Cultural Diversity, the exercises and group work not only addressed cultural inclusion, but it also felt like a strategic planning and team building session wrapped into one retreat."

Notre Dame High School for Girls

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