

Black American Tree Project: Danyetta Najoli Freda Epum

Danyetta & Freda have created and are delivering the Black American Tree Project workshops – now virtually. They will describe the evolution, implementation – and the wave effects in communities.

The Black American Tree Project is a collaborative participatory history lesson/immersive performance experience. It is developed in collaboration with Pan-African educators, artists, writers, and non-profit professionals. The project was created in response to the Kairos Blanket Exercise by indigenous Canadian leaders, the Starfire String Exercise by dis/ability experts, and the New York Times 1619 project. The project is a 90-minute interactive workshop that educates audiences about the legacies of slavery in modern American society--especially in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area--and its aftereffects in housing, the medical establishment, prison system, schooling, and other areas in which Black Americans are affected.