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A message from Amy Calvert, on behalf of the Events Industry Council

These are truly unprecedented times. We are all aware that the global pandemic speaks to the heart of issues around equity and access. We cannot ignore the issue of racial injustice.

The global uprising for justice, despite efforts to drive a divide, and amidst the backdrop of a global pandemic, has given me hope that as we move through space in time, we can work together to transform, lead, grow, and create a new reality.

In this moment, we collectively recognise that we are being called to a greater purpose as an industry. We have the opportunity to lean into some tough conversations around the injustices that plague our global society, and to address the long-standing structural racism that continues to undermine our collective well-being. It is impacting our friends and colleagues, wherever we work and reside – people we love, people we support, whose voices we want to amplify. There are more voices. There is more work to be done, and more courageous conversation to be had.

It is time to speak up. As a global federation of event industry professionals, we stand together as representatives of an organisation and an industry that proclaims the values of inclusion and transparency, and to a commitment to be in service to others and to create welcoming environments.

We must begin to open up the long-delayed dialogue to begin this journey.

We know this issue has no geographical boundaries and we can unite as a deeply committed global industry.

Let’s join together and bring our hearts and our commitment to love in action, to lead from where we are to support this call and move us to a better place.