

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION QUOTES**

**“Se were fi na wosankofa a yenkyi”**

(It is no taboo to return and fetch it when you forget)

Akan Proverb, Ghana

**“History, despite it’s wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, and if faced with courage, need not be lived again”**

Maya Angelou, African-American Writer

**“Emancipate yourself from mental slavery.  
None but ourselves can free our minds.”**

Bob Marley, Jamaican Singer

**“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”**

Bishop Desmond Tutu

**“If you want to go quickly, go alone.  
If you want to go far, go together.”**

African proverb

**“There is nothing noble about being superior to another person. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self.”**

Hindu Proverb

**“Once men realize that they are also deprived — not as much as women, just as whites are not as deprived as blacks — but there is a full circle of human qualities we all have a right to [...]**

**If a man fights to be his whole self, to be creative, to express emotions men are not supposed to express, do jobs men are not supposed to do, take care of his own children — all of these things are part of the feminist movement.”**

Gloria Steinem

***“The best judge of whether or not a country is going to develop is how it treats its women. If it's educating its girls, if women have equal rights, that country is going to move forward. But if women are oppressed and abused and illiterate, then they're going to fall behind.”***

Barack Obama

**“In the conventional sense, diversity is often achieved by simply bringing people of different backgrounds and cultures together. Yes, this is diversity, but without inclusion, diversity lacks deeper purpose and meaning. To ensure that individuals are truly included, it is important to understand the backgrounds, cultures, and worldviews of all individuals in an organization.”**

Manish K. Jain

**“Inclusion is not a strategy to help people fit into the systems and structures which exist in our societies; it is about transforming those systems and structures to make it better for everyone. Inclusion is about creating a better world for everyone.”**

Diane Richler, President, Inclusion International