Defining Us uses the power of media and the promise of education to inspire educators to join the conversation on the socio-political cultural issues that matter. In this episode of Defining Us...Stacey DeWitt is joined again by Paul Forbes, Defining US Advisory Board and Leaders Network to discuss the beginnings of Defining US and their journey to common understanding, respect, and friendship through the work they were doing in NYC Schools. Their conversation serves as a model for how we cultivate courageous conversations to build bridges of understanding with others.

Powerful Moments
Throughout this podcast there are powerful moments that provide deeper insight into the individuals and topics discussed in this podcast.

- 3:18-Reflecting on the Journey
- 6:36-The Power of Stories
- 16:47-We All Have a Different Lens
- 28:07-Capturing the Shared Lived Experience
- 40:29-Introspection, Reflection, and Vulnerability
- 46:00-Implicit Bias, the Work Behind the Work

Critical Reflection Questions (During and After the Listening)
Use the following critical reflection questions to make deeper meaning of the topics discussed in this episode.

- How do my own identity, experiences, and knowledge influence my understanding of this topic?
- How does this topic connect with my current context?
- What are the implications to my practice?
- How will I continue the conversation in my school/community/organization?

Inside the Conversation
Want to know more? Continue the learning with some of the important individuals, organizations, and topics discussed in this episode.

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