Overview

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Activity: “Think of Someone who...”

Activité: “Pensez à quelqu’un...”
**ICC Definition** (Deardorff, 2006, 2009)

**Desired External Outcome:**
- Behaving and communicating effectively and appropriately (based on one's intercultural knowledge, skills, and attitudes) to achieve one's goals to some degree

**Desired Internal Outcome:**
- Informed frame of reference/ filter shift: Adaptability (to different communication styles & behaviors; adjustment to new cultural environments)
- Flexibility (selecting and using appropriate communication styles and behaviors; cognitive flexibility)
- Ethnocultural view: Empathy

**Knowledge & Comprehension:**
- Cultural self-awareness
- Deep understanding and knowledge of culture (including contexts, role and impact of culture & others' world views)
- Culture-specific information
- Sociolinguistic awareness

**Skills:**
- To listen, observe, and interpret
- To analyze, evaluate, and relate

**Requisite Attitudes:**
- Respect (valuing other cultures, cultural diversity)
- Openness (to intercultural learning and to people from other cultures, withholding judgment)
- Curiosity and discovery (tolerating ambiguity and uncertainty)

**Desired External Outcome:**
- Effective and appropriate communication & behavior in an intercultural situation

**Desired Internal Outcome:**
- Informed frame of reference shift (adaptability, flexibility, ethnocultural view, empathy)

**Process Orientation:**
- Individuals learn to adapt and respond to cultural differences.

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Activity: Story Circles

Targeted intercultural skills:

• Demonstrate respect for others
• Practice listen for understanding
• Cultivate curiosity about similarities and differences
• Gain increased cultural self-awareness
• Develop empathy
• Engage in critical reflection on one’s own intercultural competence development
Story Circles Guidelines/Commitments

• Maintain confidentiality
• Be yourself
• Share simply and clearly
• Uphold positive intent
• Speak from your own experience
• Be genuine and authentic
• Be open to learning
• Listen for understanding... No interruptions, comments or questions
PROMPT 1
In 2 minutes or less, briefly introduce yourself by name and share 3 words or phrases that describe your background and why these words/phrases are important to you. (No interruptions, comments or questions – just listen for understanding).

PROMPT 2
In 3 minutes or less, share a memorable experience you have had with a person(s) who is different from you and what you learned about yourself and/or the other person in this experience? (Again, no interruptions, comments or questions – just listen for understanding).

FLASHBACK
In 15 seconds or less, each person shares the following for the last story shared by each person:
“The most memorable part of your story for me was_____”

NOTES: Timekeeping and Who Starts?
Welcome Back! Let’s Discuss….

• In chat, type your response to “How was this experience for you?”
• You can also type your response to “What were some lessons learned/take aways for you from Story Circles?”
• What common themes did you hear?
• What surprised you?
• What will you do now as a result of this Story Circles experience?
Some Lessons Learned…

• Seek first to understand
• Step back
• Listen for understanding (focus on the other)
• Assume positive intent
• Enter into interactions with respect (and cultural humility)
UNESCO – Intercultural Methodology: Story Circles

Open Access at:
https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf000370336

Please use widely!

https://en.unesco.org/themes/intercultural-dialogue/competencies
Closing Activity

- Evaluation form

Follow-up

- Plan of Action
THANK YOU!