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UNESCO Story Circles

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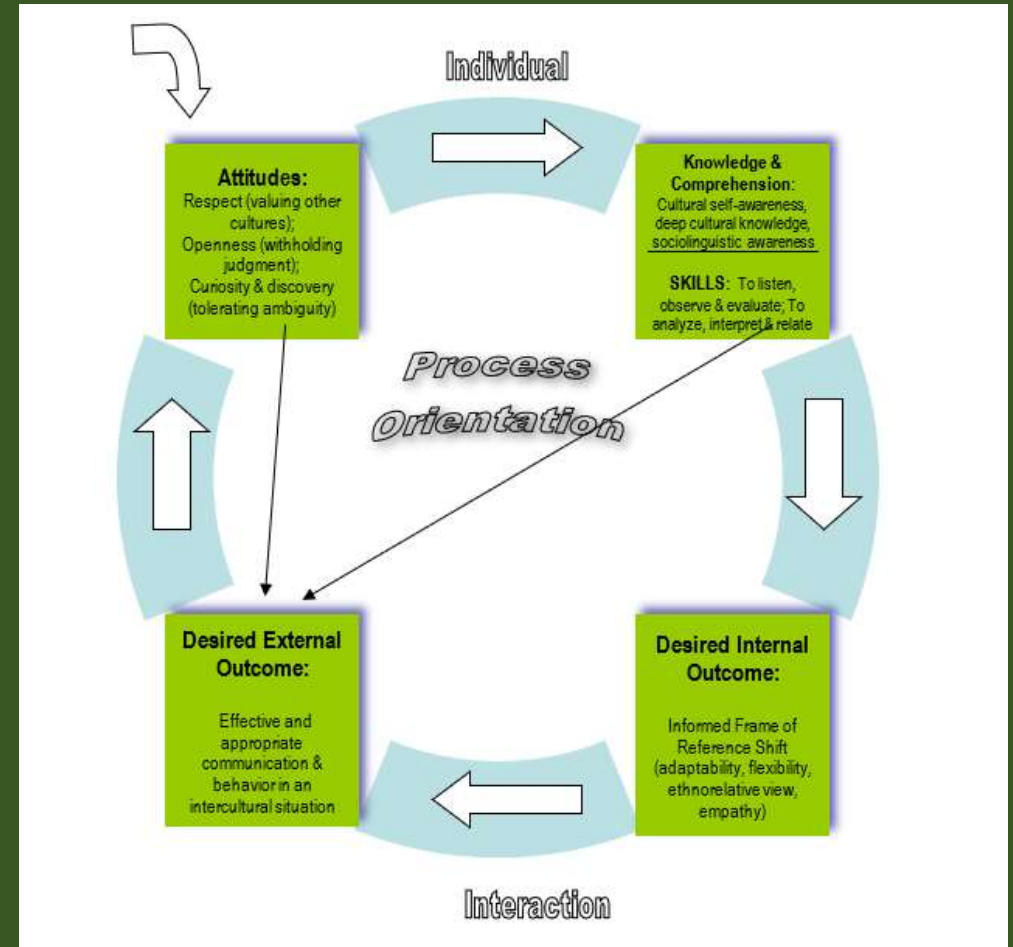


Activity: "Think of Someone who..."



Activité: "Pensez à quelqu'un..."

ICC Definition (Deardorff, 2006, 2009)



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....

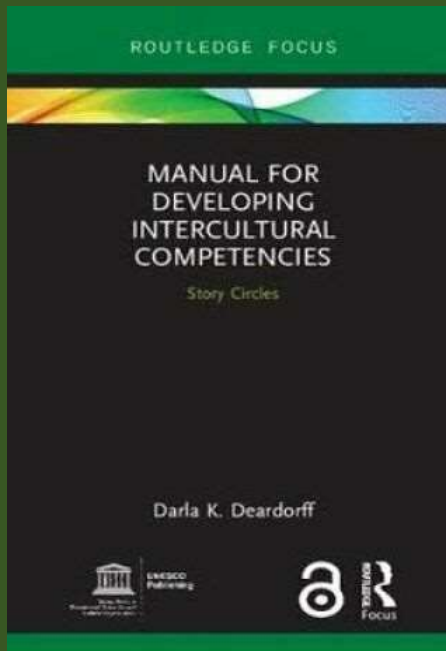
- In chat, type your response to "How was this experience for you?"
- You can also type your response to "What were some lessons learned/take aways for you from Story Circles?"
- What common themes did you hear?
- What surprised you?
- What will you do now as a result of this Story Circles experience?

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



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Closing Activity

- [Evaluation form](#)

Follow-up

- [Plan of Action](#)





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