Overview:
This lesson plan uses VisualsSpeak (see citation below), a method that uses images to help participants develop team-building skills and discover other participants' values. VisualsSpeak can be used for many different purposes. Potential activities include: ice breakers, team building, leadership development, conflict resolution, and intercultural awareness, among others. This lesson plan provides links to several activities for which facilitators can use the VisualsSpeak photos, as well as an explanation of the tool from Dr. Kris Acheson-Clair, Director of CILMAR.

Objectives:
As a result of this activity, participants will be able to:
1. Learn about other participants' values.
2. Develop team building skills and trust.

Time:
Varies depending on the activity chosen (see links below)

Group Size:
Pairs

Materials:
A set of the VisualsSpeak photos

Intercultural Development Continuum Stages:
• Minimization
• Acceptance

AAC&U Intercultural Knowledge and Competence Goals:
Empathy
• To interpret intercultural experience from the perspectives of own and more than one worldview.
• To demonstrate ability to act in a supportive manner that recognizes the feelings of another cultural group.

Links to Activities Appropriate for VisualsSpeak:
• A Thiagi Jolt called The Christmas Carol
• Metaphor Cards (pp. 4-6) from Cooperative Extension Buffalo County's Reflection Tools packet
• Self-Portrait (p. 1), A Day in the Life (p. 2), and Five Pictures (p. 2) icebreaker activities from Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)
• Introduction to VisualsSpeak by Dr. Kris Acheson-Clair
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Related Tools:

Similar tools:

- And Then...
- Christmas Carol, A
- Emotional Rescue
- One Word
- Optimist/Pessimist
- Visual Memory

Tools to use in conjunction with this lesson plan:

- Thiagi Debrief