

Autobiography of Intercultural Encounters



Module 4

Activity 1: The AIE's definition of attitudinal competences

Respect for otherness

Respect for otherness is manifested in curiosity and openness, readiness to suspend belief about the naturalness of one's own culture and to believe in the naturalness of other cultures.



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Empathy

The ability to project oneself into another person's perspective and their opinions, motives, ways of thinking and feelings. Empathetic persons are able to relate and respond in appropriate ways to the feelings, preferences and ways of thinking of others.



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Acknowledgement of identities

The ability to take full notice of other people's identities and to recognise them for what they are.



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Tolerance of ambiguity

The ability to accept ambiguity and lack of clarity and to be able to deal with this constructively.



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