Head, Heart and Hands

Experiential Learning for Intercultural Development
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Tell me something about this
The D-I-E Model

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From D-I-E to DIVE

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RE-EVALUATE: In light of everything, how might your evaluation (+/-) change?
At your tables, complete the following:

1. DIVER the image at your table by following the handout (on your own).

2. Group leaders: facilitate discussion in your group. Make sure everyone agrees upon the description (observable facts) before moving on to sharing individual interpretations and evaluations (and values!).

3. At the end of the discussion, reevaluate based on all of the interpretations you heard from the group, any verifications, etc.
1. Cognitive — Thinking (Knowledge/head)
2. Affective — Feeling (Attitude/heart)
3. Behavioral — Doing (Skills/hands)

Educational institutions tend to excel at #1.
Deep learning and intercultural development require all three.
Kolb’s Cycle of Experiential Learning

1. Experience
2. Reflect
3. Analyze
4. Experiment
Debriefing questions

- What was the experience like for you? How did it feel?
- What happened? (process and outcomes)
Debriefing questions

• What did you learn?
• How does it relate/apply to the real world?
Step 4: Experimenting

- Send out to DIVER in the world! Global or local
- Structure reflection assignment about how they applied what they learned

Sample DIVES at International House Berkeley

- Tenderloin in SF (power, privilege, and systems of inequity)
- Chinatown in Oakland and SF
- Fruitvale in Oakland (home of the Chicano movement)
- Local festivals: Dia de los Muertos, Diwali, Chinese New Year
- Post-election dialogue: Democrats and Republicans
1. How might you use the DIVER tool in your work?

2. How can you enhance intercultural learning in the cognitive, affective, and behavioral domains by applying experiential learning in your work?
THANK YOU!
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