Whole Classroom Activity

Multicultural Me

Objectives: Fostering an inclusive classroom environment

Students will think, write, and articulate their experiences with their own culture.

Students will think, write, and articulate their experiences with other cultures.

Description of activities

1. Divide participants in pairs. Give each pair a questionnaire to fill out together.
2. Instruct them to read and answer each question as a pair. Ask them to write down their answers, so that they can later report back to the group.
3. After they have answered the questions, ask them to return to the big group. Read the questions one by one and let the pairs give you their answers. Write down these answers on a big sheet of paper or flip-chart. Alternatively, let the pairs record their own answers.
4. When you have answers to all the questions, ask the participants whether they already have some examples from real life for the questions and answers.
5. Organize the exchange in a large group, starting with the following questions:
   - How did you feel while answering questions?
   - Did you know more or less than what you previously thought?
   - Did you find out something that surprised you, something that was interesting?
   - How can you discover something more? Where could you find more information?
   - What did you find out about your different experiences? Were there things you had in common with others that may have surprised you? What were they?