



Explorations
in Ethnicity

EXPLORATIONS IN ETHNICITY (EIE) BASIC COURSE

Saturday to Sunday
(2D1N Residential Programme)



BACKGROUND

The Explorations in Ethnicity (EIE) programme was jointly developed by the People's Association and the National Institute of Education in 2006 to provide a platform to stimulate and facilitate honest, open and unreserved sharing and discourse on ethnicity in a multi-racial setting.

Participants undergo a journey of self-discovery and exploration that opens their minds to the nuances and challenges of living in multi-racial and multi-cultural Singapore. EIE adopts an experiential learning approach that enables participants to gain deeper understanding of the nature and manifestation of inter-ethnic relationships, as well as enhanced awareness of the presumptions, perceptions and attitudes in regard to ethnicity, through honest and open facilitated discussions and reflections.

OBJECTIVES

- Enable participants explore the concepts of race, ethnicity and culture, become conscious of the lenses through which we perceive and interact with people of different race, ethnicity and culture and improve their cultural sensitivities and outlook on inter-racial relations; and
- To enhance the cultural competence of participants, and enable them to acquire the skills and mindsets that encourages deeper interaction and better understanding amongst the various ethnic communities in Singapore.
- Underscore the importance of inter-racial and inter-religious understanding and co-operation in ensuring social stability, which is a key pillar of our nation's growth and prosperity.

GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE

- *Understanding Race:* Exploration of race, ethnicity and culture
- *Introduction to Privilege:* Sharing reflections on privilege and entitlement
- *Understanding Differences:* Exploration of othering – Us versus Them
- *Searching for Otherness:* Examining the concepts of tolerance, integration, common space and harmony
- *Looking Beyond:* What would we do next?

KEY FEATURES

- 2D1N (residential course), grouping of students from different schools/ethnic backgrounds
- Journey of self-discovery and exploration of race and ethnicity issues
- Enable participants to improve their cultural sensitivities and outlook on inter-racial relations
- Experiential learning through 'Tug of War' and 'Community Drumming'
- Platform for multicultural living and interaction

TRAINER

Mr Farid Abdul Hamid
Principal Trainer

& Trained volunteer facilitators under the Explorations in Ethnicity programme

COURSE SCHEDULE

TBC

DURATION

2 days, residential programme

VENUE

TBC

FEES

\$25.00 per participant (after 90% subsidy). Inclusive of accommodation, refreshments, and course materials.

PAYMENT

By crossed cheque or cash upon confirmation of participation. Crossed cheques should be made payable to 'OnePeople.sg', while cash payment must be made in person at OnePeople.sg (near Braddell MRT station).

APPLICATION

Please send completed application form to "Explorations in Ethnicity Basic Course", OnePeople.sg, 381 Toa Payoh Lorong 1, Singapore 319758, or Email: Pravina@OnePeople.sg

QUERIES

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