



Developing Cultural Awareness & Intercultural Learning Competence: Integral Worldviews

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Integral Worldviews: Setting the Context

Why Internationalization & Welcoming Communities?

Expanding worldviews as global citizens:

- Egocentric and ethnocentric to worldcentric
- “Us vs Them” to “We and Us”
- Friendly to Welcoming
- Local and national, to international
- Domination to partnership

“Today, systems thinking is needed more than ever because we are becoming overwhelmed by complexity.”

Peter Senge

Letting come

“We’ve come to believe that the core capacity needed to access the field of the future is presence. We first thought of the presence as being fully conscious and aware in the present moment. Then we began to appreciate presence as deep listening, of being open beyond one’s preconceptions and historical ways of making sense. We came to see the importance of letting go of old identities and the need to control and, as [Jonas] Salk said, making choices to serve the evolution of life. Ultimately, we came to see all these aspects of presence as leading to a state of “letting come,” of consciously participating in a larger field for change. When this happens, the field shifts, and the forces shaping a situation can move from re-creating the past to manifesting or realizing an emerging future.”

Peter Senge, et al

Presence: An Exploration of Profound Change in People, Organizations, and Society

Awakening

What do you value?

How did you find out?





A Systems Approach:

Welcoming means more than a smile and settlement services

“South Western Ontario...will continue to attract citizens of the world. We are examining closely what is necessary, what is fair, and what is workable to more fully engage the skills and talents of our newcomers respectfully with our native born. Leaders in colleges, municipal government, businesses, and service agencies are learning global cultural skills to build communities where everyone is one of ‘us’. Welcoming is more than a smile and settlement services. It is a systematic, conscious, and deliberate effort to encourage people and sustainable business to come to and stay in Chatham-Kent. Working together across all sectors of the economy is not just something that is ‘nice to do’, it is imperative for our viability. ***Together, we are co-creating a world all of us can love.***”




Internationalization: Bringing synergy to public, private, and NGO efforts

What do we measure?

- What gets measured, gets done
- Why be a welcoming community? Global economic health and wellbeing: Top 100 Economies
- People, planet, profit

From GDP to SWEIs

- Rising consciousness of global connections and mutual concerns at the citizen level
- Convergence of globalization, technology, environmental, humanitarian awareness
- WHO IHC movement
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Not “If” ...*How!*

A Welcoming Community is a
Connected Community

How?

Cheryl Fullerton, VP Leadership,
Maple Leaf Foods - *yammer it up*

How?

Mohawk College *Just Like Family:*
Internationalization & Inclusion

How?

George Brown College
Sustainability-Across-the-
Curriculum Audit

What wows you?

Who's good at it? Cross-sector
partnerships

What's the integral context?

- Global Citizenship
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion,
Internationalization
- System & Spirit
- Welcoming Truth

***Together,
we can co-create a world
All of us can love.***

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