


An example of a different intercultural encounter

How does one cope
with
„Unbehaglichkeit“?



Overview

- Our Project: Experiencing „Unbehaglichkeit“
- Some facts about the institution
- Checklist for intercultural encounters
- Expectations

Our Project: Experiencing „Unbehaglichkeit”

- going to a place we would normally not go to
- getting a sense for the way people live and work at this place
- simulation of an intercultural experience

Some facts about the institution

- Diakonische Werke Himmelsthür
- 400 disabled adults
- mentally and physically handicapped
- wide range of disability
- mixed-sex groups: 7 – 15 adults

The Institution:



In the sheltered workshop:



Animal Encounter:



Checklist for intercultural encounters

Principles for intercultural learning:

- show interest in the other culture
- respect towards the other culture
- a continuous openness for the other culture
- change and enrich your perspectives
- search for similarities
- explore and discover
- „try out“ different things

Expectations

- „Unbehaglichkeit“
- enrichment of our perspectives
- better understanding for „the other“

Bibliography

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Thank you for listening!