Research exercise: Finding Inner and Outer Peace
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A Social Justice Learning Living Cohort Community Project

2012 Service Learning Experience

Abstract

Building Relationships through Social Justice and Learning Cohort (S4LC) is an educational experience where students participate in service learning as a way of alternating social justice and social responsibility. Many of our group members engaged in service learning activities in different ways and in some different settings. We collaborated with leaders from the Peace Plunge which was created by the Center of Social Concerns. Peace Plunge is an organization that provides opportunities and spaces for people to explore social justice through different means. We worked on a project called "Finding Inner and Outer Peace" which is a program that helps people focus on inner and outer peace. The activities took place at a nursing home and other local places. We also worked with the Missing Peace Museum and the Dayton Peace Museum which are dedicated to promoting peace through exhibits, activities, and events that focus on cultural understanding and community healing. We also celebrated peace through art, music, and dance. James Pate said, "I feel compelled to make art for self and society, and give daily: violence, and the need for it to resolve an issue, and prisoner in the parable. Our service allowed us to see past what our society and others are struggling with, and to know that peace is possible. This experience has renewed my gratitude for my friends and family."