Finding Inner and Outer Peace

A Social Justice Learning Living Cohort Community Project

2012 Service Learning Experience

Abstract

Building Communities through Social Justice Learning and Living Cohort (2012) to facilitate world-changing experiences where participants engage in service learning as a way of advancing social justice and sustainability. Through hands-on work and service, members of the group performed community learning activities in local settings and during alternative breaks. Our collaboration with Acclimation Hospice and the Dayton International Peace Museum resulted in a meaningful and engaging experience for participants.

Peace Plunge Pictures

Expected Outcomes:
- Learn why peace is so hard to achieve.
- Understand how inner and outer peace is achieved.

Hospice Pictures

Expected Outcomes:
- Help bring peace to the family and friends of patients.
- Assist the patient with feelings of peace and happiness.

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The Cave

Reflection of John Rawls:

John Rawls was a distinguished moral philosopher near the end of the twentieth century. He was awarded a professorship in Philosophy and Religion at Harvard University, and he held the highest professorship. He wrote a Theory of Justice in 1971, which continued to be a popular topic in philosophy and sociology, and it set the standard for its time. His ideas on primary goods, such as freedom, equality, opportunity, poverty, and equality, are still relevant today. Rawls believed that society should be structured so that the differences between people are minimized, and that individuals should be given the opportunity to succeed.

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Peace Plunge Reflections Mission Statement:

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