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MODULE 5

SOCIAL CONTEXT OF INTERVENTION



- ❖ Try to think for few minutes about the context where you live.
- ❖ Think about your relationships and how you solved the first problems in the new country.
- ❖ Think about your community and neighborhood.

Use 3 adjectives or words to describe the city or the neighborhood where you live:



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We are all connected: everyone's behavior affects everyone else's life:



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“A healthy social life can only be found when in the mirror of each soul the whole community finds its reflection, and when in the whole community the virtues of each live on.”

(Rudolph Steiner)

“Man is by nature an animal destined to live in a community“

(Aristoteles)

Scholars of the past and present tell us that to live in a just society we must always live together. Cultural aspects, respect for social norms and civic behavior are the basis of social coexistence.

Each country has its own laws and behaviors: these can vary as well as civil norms. Therefore, when you arrive in a new country, you should get to know the social norms and try to understand how to behave. The role of cultural mediators and educators is very important for this purpose.

UNIT 1 - The Destination Country: cultural aspects, social norms and behaviors



MOST RELEVANT CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE DESTINATION COUNTRY, WITH SPECIAL REGARD TO SOCIAL NORMS AND BEHAVIORS



- ✓ KNOWLEDGE OF DESTINATION COUNTRY CULTURE
- ✓ SOCIAL NORMS AND BEHAVIORS OF THE DESTINATION COUNTRY



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BY the end of this Unit you should

01

Understand the culture of the hosting territory

02

Understand the common characteristics, considering the similarities and differences

03

Be able to calmly resolve the issues that emerge from intercultural and multilingual misunderstandings

UNIT 1
GOALS

UNIT 1 - The Destination Country: cultural aspects, social norms and behaviors

UNIT 1 WARM UP!

Think for few minutes about your first period in the destination country

Try to reflect on this time and think to:

- ❖ Who helped you to understand social norms, culture and behaviors
- ❖ Who can help you to understand them better

And now, **watch this video:**

“How culture drives your behaviors”



UNIT 1 - The Destination Country: cultural aspects, social norms and behaviors

The knowledge of culture of the country of destination is a key factor for a positive interaction and coexistence with the population we meet in a foreign country. According to the anthropologist E. Tylor, culture is: “that complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, morals, law, custom and any other capabilities and habits acquired by man as a member of society”. Culture, therefore, concerns all aspects of daily life, from religion to traditions, from art to social rules and norms of behavior, that the inhabitants of the destination country know, usually follow and that they consider "common sense".



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To get to know the main rules, social norms and regulations, you should first look for a mentor in your community and / or ask to a service (social or foreigner service) that you can find in a destination country. In this way, you can easily understand the basic norms and rules that could be useful to respect (**for further information, see module 2, unit 2 and 4**). Following the basic rules of the community in which you live is the first step towards a civil and respectful coexistence.



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SEE SOME EXAMPLES....

A

It is important to know if there are **norms** that many people follow regarding, e.g. particular foods or clothing, behavior in specific situations. It is also important to know and respect the main religious holidays and traditions.

B

It is important to know any taboos present in the destination country. E.g.: are there any topics you shouldn't talk about? Actions to avoid? Things not to say?

C

it is important to know some social norms to follow specially with people you don't know. E.g.: how to greet in a polite way, the intercultural differences in interpersonal distance and contact, the use of the formal linguistic register, correct behavior during meals, respect for turn-taking in conversations, the concept of punctuality, etc.

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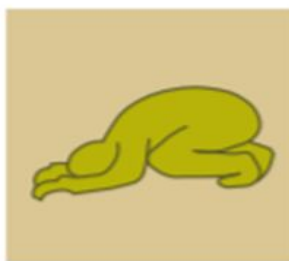
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MODULE 5

SOCIAL CONTEXT OF INTERVENTION

We are a different world:



difference

Thanks!

