Collaborative Deliberation for Justice & Harmony

Select

an authentic societal problem that involves social justice and/or harmony and is appropriately bounded and feasible for students.

Frame

the societal problem in a way that avoids binaries and invites open-ended consideration and deliberation of the issue.

Engage

students with background material that helps them understand different dimensions of the issue and extend concern, empathy, and compassion to those affected.

Organize

students into smaller sub-groups to conduct investigations into specific aspects of the issue by collecting data and reviewing relevant research and empirical evidence.

Evaluate

proposed responses by analyzing policy impact and effectiveness, deliberating collaboratively in small and large groups, and listening to voices that are geographically, culturally, and socially distant.

Seek

real-world examples and case studies that demonstrate pragmatic and visionary hopeful possibilities of individual and collective change.

Embrace

diverse and inclusive forms of communication and expression while engaged in deliberation, including making space for emotion, passion, and the use of varied forms of evidence and data.

Take

individual and collective wise action to implement proposed responses, after weighing the intended and unintended consequences of different solutions.