

Personal Reflection – September 13, 2022

Twogether-ness

Now, I see why “twogether” is for me another essential in Dialogue Education. A ‘small group’ of two allows the possibility of each being heard, of each speaking in a safe place, of honest, hearty laughter. A ‘small group’ of two can be the epitome of *inclusion*.

I see “together” at work in workshops, seminars, university classrooms and laboratories, in sermons and presentations, in learned lectures, in adult education classes introducing folks to computers.

“Twogether” *is* community and is not overwhelming.

Introvert and extrovert can meet and laugh together at their different perspectives. Sheer courtesy demands listening, not over-speaking, not interrupting. And, not being afraid of one’s own voice. Respect is at work.

When the ‘small group’ of two reports, the extrovert might often do the talking; And, she says, with a smiling glance at her partner, ‘We...’

Let’s try it - a long, well-documented “twogether” experiment.

--Jane Vella