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This field guide was created to be used by leaders, practitioners, and researchers working with groups to address challenges of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their programs and organizations. It is a book of personal experiences, raised voices, and differing opinions that embody the spirit of Dr. Nina Roberts and address social challenges that have existed and still exist today.

Nina's call to action is that . . .

"We must each learn to challenge systems, change institutional injustices, and more. We must all do our part to show up, speak up, and not tolerate hate and injustice. Be brave, be bold, be inspirational. Now is the time for new changes and transformation. In the process, reach deep down to share empathy, be patient with yourself and each other, and be authentic in your exchange of love, laughter, fear, and hope."

The Inspiration for this book Dr. Nina Roberts,

longtime professor, mentor, scholar, and advocate in the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism (RPT) passed away after battling cancer. Nina was a passionate and inspiring leader, a longtime park professional and advocate, a renowned researcher, and a sought-after expert internationally recognized for her work and commitment to social and environmental justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion with a desire to break down barriers relating to park access and recreation opportunities on public lands.

Nina's primary focus in her career was on experiential learning and connecting urban communities with public lands. She knew that parks are important to our country's well-being and that public spaces had to be accessible and inclusive for everyone. This book project was underway when she passed, and her colleagues, friends, and family have carried this through to completion to continue environmental and social justice education.

What is Experiential Education?

Experiential Education is a hands-on form of learning that often begins with a concrete experience. After solving a problem, learners reflect on the process and are able to apply lessons more broadly to their lives.

Adventure & Challenge
A chosen experience.

Application to Life
Theorize about concepts and apply to other areas.

Observation & Reflection
Discussions to process experience.

Abstract Thinking
Ideas and theories based on their concrete experience.

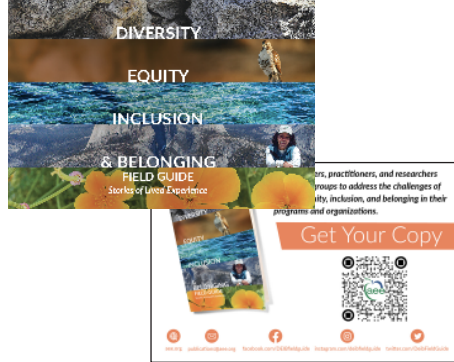
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