

EVALUATION ROSYTH

EMPOWERING OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITIES

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions:

In the beginning what was your thoughts about the course? At the end of the course is it what you expected?

What classes in particular impacted you?

What information/session will help you in your life?

What about the way we learnt in class? (methods)

- In the beginning I was totally confused. There was so much information. We were thinking about how human rights (HR) impacts our life. People do not know how much HR influences your life.
- When we did climate change all the course learning started to kick in. I was not so confused about human rights
- The course makes me think a lot. Sometimes, even two days after the course, I think about things we talked about.
- I was confused first couple of classes and was not taking much in. I was thinking why am I here? But I stuck at it and I am glad I did.
- As weeks go on..you realize there is so much things I did not knew nothing about.
- The session on class (and distribution of wealth) – where you stand- was a real eye opener for me.
- Human rights and children – Children not knowing their rights impacted me. I thought there is also a negative impact – kids can play up they know their rights!
- The course information makes you feel stronger. I am worth something.
- Weeks 3 and 4 impacted me as you (tutor) kept feeding me and group questions. Why is this happening?? How does it happen?. I began to realize there is no real “correct” answer..But the answer is my opinion that counts ...I am in control – I have it..the answer!. I feel I did not have knowledge at beginning of course but now I feel empowered.
- There is not actually a right answer. But I now know differences in left and right perspectives (different theories/political viewpoints) and I figured out what I am- I am left!
- We did not give up on the course – in the beginning when things were confusing for us. The ones who did not continue- it is a shame they did not stick it out.

- We came week after week to find out more. It makes a difference this course. The other day I was walking in Asda with the wee man, (Child) and he was talking about schools and I had an answer for him! (From learning in the course). Now being a mother again, later in life the course has helped me understand my kids-help them better with their lives. The course has helped me understand their lives and my rights too. Bringing up kids now is a different reality.
- I used everything I learnt! I liked the small group it made me speak up and I also needed to listen to other people. It frustrated me sometimes – the world and political situation. Now in class I see things in a different way. I want to change things now.
- I liked the songs in class – a good way to learn and think about things
- The class was not boring. It was fun and dynamic. As it was fun we took in more information.
- We had a tutor who was fun and passionate about the subjects. They were knowledgeable about things and also an eccentric breath of fresh air which kept us interested in the course.

HOW WILL YOU USE THE INFO/LEARNING EXPERIENCES FROM THE COURSE?

- I will give my opinion on things now. I will talk about the state of the world. We have a way to talk about what poverty really is..(the why, what and how)..
- I will talk to people and give an opinion as now I know what I am actually talking about!
- I can now talk to someone who does not want to vote and explain to them why it is important to vote. To have your voice.
- If no-one spoke up – nothing would change!
- Maybe someone in this group wants to be a councillor. Now they have the confidence and know something about issues affecting communities.
- Now I will look at going to meetings about the NHS. I did the survey. We will get into actions to act on our learning..
- I listen more. I listen to what people are telling me.
- I understand news more. I am more likely to watch the news now. I can understand more now.

BIGGEST PIECE OF INFO FOR YOU?

- Climate change and global warming. Who causes and what are the effects?
- Class and distribution of wealth. I could not believe how much money some people have – the wealth- we need more Robin Hoods about!
- Food banks and the restrictions on people using them. How many visits you can use each year? Only 18 days a year! You cannot just go when you need to. Where do you go after you have used up your visits? Giving people this criteria is wrong..like its means tested? Also owned by the Trussel Fund, some conservative party members- whose policies are creating problems (for poor people)? Is this not going back, to the fifties, instead of going forward?

- Look at another conservative politician- He has a position against women's abortion rights. But he also has money investments in a pharmaceutical company which produces the morning after pill?..Another example of a politician responsible for health and would not allow cannabis use for NHS use. Their partner owns a company which grows cannabis for medical use.
- Another politician's partner is involved in ownership of a private security company which takes prisoners to and from courts. Some wealthy politicians are way up there abusing their power and influence and we are down here feeling the impacts.
- Rich people have their money and wealth but what about the poor folk who work all hours and in stressful bad conditions and look what they've got? For this situation?
- I use social media a lot and look up more information..a lot of stuff on there..I keep trying to answer some of the questions/issues we raise in class and do my own research.
- Hard for me to use social media as I do not have access to internet, phone, computer/internet. But I am doing computer classes now and things are better!
- I think a lot now about class and wealth. I see class and people should think- don't judge a book by the cover? Look at poverty and poor people as scum..sometimes that's how people view you..Why are people with money the leaders? Why is it not people like us? It makes you think how unequal things are..We should be the leaders too! This course gave us a better understanding why things are how they are – how we need to change things..
- It made me think why do some people have so much money? How much do they actually need? Should it not be against the law to have so much – billions of wealth? It is really grotesque. Why do some of us have little? Is this right?
- I started to look up Britain's wealth and how we used to be 5th richest country in the world. Now we are 29th in the world.
- Great course..Now we need to look at what we can now do with it! To act! We are empowered and need to do something!
- It gave us loads of different opinions..makes you think what you/we think!
- Makes me want to do more..I now want to watch the news more. I never used to talk politics. Now I want to/need to do something about it!
- The course is about empowering ourselves! Understanding what is going on around you
- I actually got more from the course than what I thought possible. I got a lot of answers to questions I never asked.
- I was open minded to other people's opinions and views. I needed to fact check things. I did not exactly know where I was going with the course when I first started.
- The course pricked my interest. I understand more and listen more. I have more understanding of injustices..a lot more!
- I did HICCS 1 and 2..It focuses more on the community but this course put it in perspective, the big picture ..made us think of causes of things. It is why I wanted to do this course..

STATION TO STATION

LEARNERS (AS COUPLES OR INDIVIDUALS) PUT STICKIES ON MEMORIES/LEARNING OF EACH CLASS THAT IMPACTED THEM

Week One Brainstorm of what topics interest you for this course??

- The class was comfortable and made me feel relaxed -to start talking about important subjects that we are passionate about
- Good way to find out what we will be doing in the class
- I liked the sound of what we were going to talk about

Week 2 How we will learn – Adult Ed

- It was interesting to find out the different ways people learn

Week 3 Human Rights

- I did not know how much human rights are in everyday life
- What our human rights are!
- I had never read or understood what my human rights are and I am grateful for the knowledge
- I was shocked that so much of our human rights are being violated. Lauryn Hill song was moving and impactful

Week 4 Human Rights: Class and the Distribution of Wealth

- The divide between rich and poor and the widening gap
- How much money people have and don't need
- That there is so much more to class – so many levels and how we perceive it? Made me think
- We need a new system – It is broken!
- This was an interesting week listening to how growing up in different classes affects people and their basic rights to life, to development
- We learnt about class and where working class people are on the poverty line

Week 5 Human Rights and Justice, Stigmatization of Poverty

- How poverty can change everything – stress, mental health and how people judge you
- I loved the clip from I Daniel Blake-such an eye opener.I also went home and watched the rest of the film
- I found out about food banks and how many times it can be used. It was shocking

Week 6 Human Rights, Politics and Leadership- Equality and Sharing Power?

- Made me think of different types of leaders

- I found this week difficult. I didn't have enough of my own background information to make choices and participate. I enjoyed hearing other people's views
- Made me think about how rich people always seem to have more power?

Week 7 Human Rights, Our NHS history and whats happening now?

- Shocking hearing about waiting lists and wages on the NHS and in comparison whats happening to the same doctors etc in private health care
- Mental health not getting dealt with properly in NHS/society
- Overworked staff or/and not enough staff
- The NHS has money or it would not be running. The money is being spent in the wrong way i.e.: pharmaceutical companies

Week 8 Human Rights and Climate Change

- Found out I knew more about the climate change than I thought and felt I could contribute
- Tutor challenged my thoughts and opinions on green energy
- I know a lot more about climate change now. I have more information and was shocked at hearing how most of the problems is caused by the Global North but the biggest impacts are felt in the Global South

Week 9 Human Rights, Children's Rights and Young People

- I wasn't aware how much actually affects young people. Once discussions opened everything seemed to make sense and fit. It was eye opening.
- How image affects young people
- Made me think about what influences young peoples minds