experiential education

experiencing

activities carefully crafted by our facilitators to provide the appropriate level of challenge for the group or individual

planning

what will I do differently next time? participants use abstract thinking to apply what they've learned to other areas of their life — this includes a deeper understanding of skills like collaboration and creative problem-solving

reviewing what happened?

what were the results? participants are encouraged to reflect, describe, communicate, and learn from the experience – reflection distills the experience into concrete learning

outcomes

concluding

what do these results imply? how did I influence the outcome? participants draw conclusions from these activities and past experiences and begin to form abstract ideas

Experiential Education is a hands-on form of learning that 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.

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