

Welcoming Communities

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Where are you from? Geography Game



Welcome!



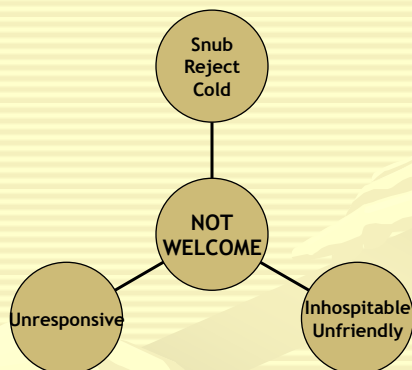
Sticking Out in A Crowd



Definition: Welcoming



Antonym: Not Welcoming



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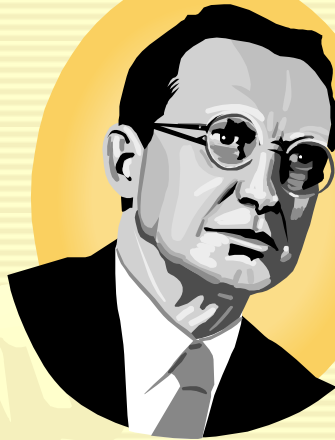
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Stephen Harper
Canada's 22nd Prime Minister

What Does It Look Like?

- Beyond smiles, handshakes
- Gives over and shares space (G. Sefa Dei)
- Creates opportunities to participate
 - educating, mentoring, inviting
- Creates safe environments
- Normalizes and embraces difference
- Provides innovate service

How Do We Know When We Have It?

- Psychological
- Linguistic
- Economic
- Sociocultural
- Educational
- Political

I'm Just a Man



An Emigration Fantasy



More Information?

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