Abstract

In recent years there has been an increase in the number of identity-based, ethnic, cultural and social movements as well as the studies done on such issues and immigration, calling for a better understanding of and more research on how adult people perceive and understand differences. This paper firstly presents Transcultural Biography Work (TBW) approach in adult education. The paper also discusses the reasons for the increased use of this approach in adult education, and presents the findings of a research on TBW study at Süleyman Demirel University in Isparta, Turkey. The data were compiled during two separate two-day TBW focus group studies with 15 students from various ethnic, national, cultural etc. backgrounds. This four- day study funded by European Commission and constructed around TBW approach aimed to investigate transculturality in our lives, evaluate transcultural biography methods and advance these methods or explore new techniques.

Keywords

Adult education; diversity; transculturality; biography work; understanding