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Small Group Activity

OBJECTIVE: *To get to know everyone in your small group and to begin to explore where narratives come from and how stories are told.*

ACTIVITY:

Break-up into a pair with someone next to you.

Interview each other as if gathering information to write personal profile articles for a magazine that is doing a spread on “The Next Generation in Global Health: FACE AIDS Student Leaders”.

- Take notes and ask questions that a journalist might ask in this position.
- Interviewees should feel free to pass on questions that they don’t want to answer.

Write out 5-10 sentences of a profile article about your partner.

- Take the time to think about and craft your article lead.
- Be sure to really write out those first few sentences.

In the small group, go around and read each of the brief profile articles.

DISCUSSION:

After everyone has presented, engage in a discussion with the following prompts in mind:

1. Describe your observations and reactions to listening to your group’s profiles in this way.
2. Examine each element of the process of interviewing, being interviewed, and writing—consider assumptions, challenges, strengths, fears, etc.
3. Articulate anything that may have surprised, challenged, or strengthened you. Make a note of anything that you would like to think about in more detail about the information shared or the activity itself.