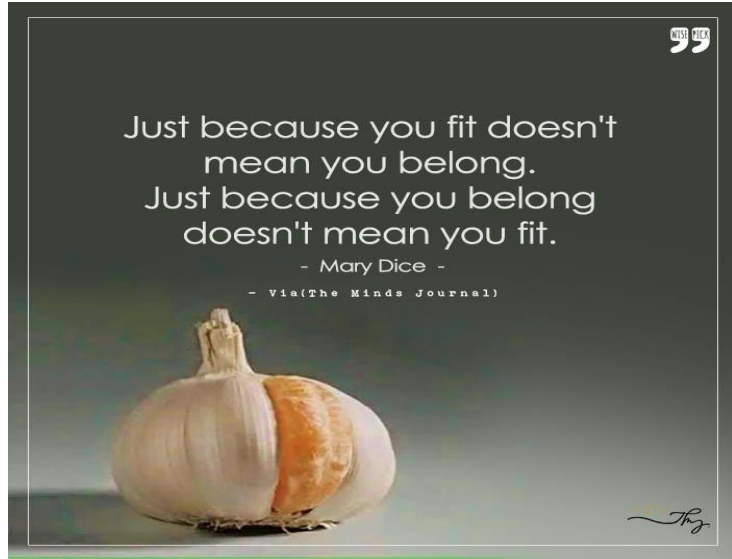


An Integration Experience

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1. Stage of confusion

- All staring at me
- I am different
- I am not welcome
- I don't belong here
- I want to quit



2. Stage of curiosity

- Time for questions
- How can you speak Finnish so well?
- How did u manage to past the entrance exam?
- Will you manage to graduate?
- Why you are wearing headscarf ?
- Is it ok for you...?
- Did I offend you by doing this or asking this..?
- Can I shake your hand?

3. Stage Of Understanding

- Relieved
- Easier to work with me
- Easier to go forward

4. Accepting

- I am not that different anymore
- I am one of them
- We share the same interests

5. In The End

- I became multicultural expert
- I was the special one
- "You are our pride"

What it takes ?

- Courage
- Patience
- Understanding
- Lots of humor :)

“You only are free when you realize you belong no place - you belong every place - no place at all. The price is high. The reward is great.”

Maya Angelou