



A Beginner's Guide to Learning Circles

Chapter 10

What learning circle participants told us
about why learning circles are important.

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Learning circles break down isolation and barriers.
Learning circles create networks for personal support,
community development and cultural reclamation.

“... it keeps you connected
with the world. You’re outside
yourself, and even though that
safe circle you’re in, it gives
you a little view of the world
beyond that circle.”



Learning circles increase understanding of cultural, social and personal differences.

“An increased understanding, I think, can lead to a more peaceful society.”



People in the learning circles that we studied feel that learning circles are an important part of the adult education system.

“I think there seems to be no limit on what, when people are focused on one thing together, what they can accomplish together as a small group. ...



... Just amazing.”