

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose.
(See the AAIDD *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.)

Interest Network: Multi-Cultural Concerns

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Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:
2026 - Secretary & Marketing Lead

2024-2025 Report

For the year that **just ended** (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. In addition, please note if/how any activities enhanced diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.

1. We started the year with an Executive Committee, consisting of an Interest Network Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a secretary. We ended the year without our secretary, but the position is currently being sought.
2. We held 6 monthly committee meetings, inviting all members of IN and sending out agenda and meeting minutes to keep members informed.
3. We continued our focus on current research around Multicultural concerns -research titles were included during the poster session at the AAIDD Conference
4. Funds were utilized to award conference scholarships
5. We held an annual business meeting at the annual conference of the AAIDD.
6. Submitting an annual report and action plan to the AAIDD Board of Directors.
7. Meetings of the Multicultural Concerns Executive Committee were held virtually at least 4 times during the year
8. We planned and held an off-site dinner for members and guests during the AAIDD Conference at the Skydome restaurant.

2025-2026 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. In addition, please note if/how any activities will address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.

1. Hold 6 monthly committee meetings, inviting all members of IN and sending out an agenda and meeting minutes to keep members informed.
2. Continue to pursue renaming the Interest Group to reflect changing ideas about culture and pluralism and develop rationale to present to the Board for approval of name change.
3. Continued focus on current research around Multicultural concerns during meetings
4. Provide a forum for authors of manuscripts chosen to present and lead discussion amongst our membership group
5. Establish partnerships with at least one other interest group for collaboration on similar topics.

Due August 1, 2025

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Continue providing funds to be utilized to award conference scholarships and/or memberships7. Hold an annual business meeting at the annual conference of the AAIDD.8. Plan an event (dinner) for IN members and guest at the AAIDD Conference9. Submit an annual report and action plan to the AAIDD Board of Directors.10. Meetings of the Multicultural Concerns Executive Committee held virtually at least 4 times during year |
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