

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	
2025-2026 Report For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. 1. We held 4 monthly committee meetings, inviting all members of the IN and sending out agenda and meeting minutes to keep members informed. 2. We continued our focus on current research around Multicultural concerns 3. Funds were utilized to award conference scholarships 4. We held an active annual business meeting at the annual conference of the AAIDD. 5. Submitting an annual report and action plan to the AAIDD Board of Directors. 6. Meetings of the Multicultural Concerns Executive Committee were held virtually 4 times during the year 7. We had plans to hold an off-site dinner for members and guests during the AAIDD Conference in Chicago and we will do this every year.	
2026-2027 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies For the coming year (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. 1. Hold 4 monthly committee meetings, inviting all members of IN and sending out an agenda and meeting minutes to keep members informed. 2. Continued focus on current research around Multicultural concerns during meetings 3. Provide a forum for authors of manuscripts chosen to present and lead discussion amongst our membership group 4. Establish partnerships with at least one or two other interest groups for collaboration on similar topics for conference presentations or webinars. 5. Continue providing funds to be utilized to award conference scholarships and/or memberships. Special consideration will be given to conference proposals that address multicultural concerns. 6. Hold an annual business meeting at the annual conference of AAIDD. 7. Plan an event (dinner) for IN members and guest at the AAIDD Conference 8. Submit an annual report and action plan to the AAIDD Board of Directors. 9. Meetings of the Multicultural Concerns Executive Committee held virtually at least 4 times during year	

Due July 31, 2026