



Understanding diversity: A guide to conscious action

Let's take the time to talk about a topic that is important to all of us: privilege, stereotypes and justice in our society. Let's delve deeper into the thoughts of the American philosopher Rawls and reflect on how we can contribute to a more just and inclusive world.

The "veil of ignorance": justice in society:

Rawls coined the term the "veil of ignorance", a metaphor for how people should be disinterested about their own benefits when making decisions about rules and principles that govern society. This is to ensure that possible advantages are not used for personal gain. Also in a just society, decisions should be made without the influence of certain characteristics, including ethnicity, gender, social status, wealth and sexual orientation.

Here are some guidelines for critical reflection and action:

1. Create awareness:
 - o Reflect on your ideas and assumptions
 - o Identify privileges you may enjoy based on various factors
2. Ask critical questions:
 - o Question common norms and stereotypes
 - o Consider what impact these norms might have on different groups
3. Change of Perspective
 - o Put yourself in the shoes of people with different privileges or experiences
 - o Recognise that your perspective is not universal
4. Actively participate in change:
 - o Advocate for equality and social justice
 - o Support organisations or initiatives against stereotypes and privilege

A willingness to address these issues helps to create a fairer and more inclusive society. Together we can actively contribute to change!