
Relational Literacy

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Relationships matter. All relationships matter. None of us are surprised by such a statement, and yet how truly do we understand the implications of this? In a world where much is viewed as a commodity, there for our gratification, how do we conceptualise relationships? How often do we remember that we are in relationship with everything and that each action and reaction reflects our underlying ethics? We develop our understanding of ourselves through our relationships with our world. This paper explores our relationships with our world, how we integrate our relationships and our ethics and how the development of this integration in our lives is a lifelong pursuit. Using post structural thought, and experiences of working with adults, children and young people, we want to explore dominant notions of identity and meaning making through our relationships with our world.