

Diversity Statement

Once, I had a bitter experience by wrong-profiling someone as a Chinese, which was based on assumption from the physical appearance. This act may have been innocently done, but it does make the receiver feel bad. In the real sense, the person in question was a Canadian-Taiwanese, but I was quick to profile him as a Chinese. He got mad at me, and reported to the authority. Even though I felt bad for taking the situation up against me, I had a moment for introspection. I imagined how I would have felt if I was in his shoes. He has every right to feel the way he felt.

Most times, we make mistakes but not sure how bad such mistakes can be. I learnt never to assume or presume. I developed the attitude of asking for clarification before making a statement.

This is what diversity is all about. We have been fed with many information while growing up, and most of these information are false and not healthy. How do we make efforts to correct and unlearn those false and unhealthy informations? How do we see ourselves in others? how do we find a meeting point in our relationship with others? Understanding that we all are different and unique, is the best way to foster tolerance, respect and purpose.