



POSITIVE EXPOSURE WORKSHOP FOR STUDENT TEACHERS

Positive Exposure invites Educators-in-Training to an extraordinary exhibition by world-class photographer, Rick Guidotti, that celebrates the richness and beauty of human diversity. Leaving the world of fashion, Rick has spent that past eighteen years working with NGOs, medical schools, universities and others to effect a sea-change in societal attitudes towards individuals living with genetic, physical, behavioral and intellectual difference. Through this work, he founded Positive Exposure, a 501(c) 3, non-profit global organization, which uses the visual arts to challenge stigma and celebrate human dignity and diversity.

Workshop participants will visit the Positive Exposure photography exhibition led by Rick Guidotti, and engage in thought-provoking exercises, exploring such topics as disability, diversity, inclusion, self-esteem, acceptance and advocacy in today's diverse classroom environment.

Participants will be introduced to Positive Exposure's PEARLS Project which was featured in the New York Times in an article entitled, "Learning Empathy by Looking Beyond Disability" and which quotes one NYC-area principal as stating "The project teaches important lessons about tolerance as schools face an increase in bullying and serve more special education students than ever."

The PEARLS Project brings the Positive Exposure photography exhibition to life by empowering ambassadors living with difference to enlighten audiences with a blog platform, discussing life and experiences through their unique perspective. Workshop participants will walk away inspired and empowered with the tools needed for implementing the PEARLS Project in their own classrooms and schools.