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## COMPONENTS OF VALUES - BASED EDUCATION

## **Group Endeavours in Service Learning**

Group Endeavours in Service Learning (GESL) is a service-learning community outreach programme of the National Institute of Education (NIE). It aims to strengthen character and build a sense of citizenship. GESL involves community outreach and engagement and gives our student teachers the opportunity to serve and to learn from the community. The community becomes our teacher.

GESL develops readiness in student teachers to take on leadership roles in their school's community involvement initiatives and service-learning. It provides a platform for student teachers to understand themselves better, develop multicultural skills and gain a good understanding of the communities and effective ways of community engagement.

## The Meranti Project

The Meranti programme is designed as a personal and professional growth group and is experiential in nature.

With the aid of activities such as informal open sharing sessions that facilitate deeper exploration of self, student teachers are given the opportunity to share their personal thoughts, beliefs, values and experiences with their peers in a safe environment. Student teachers also experience the core competencies of social emotional learning during the programme.



Stimulating the thinking of an elderly in a jigsaw puzzle activity.



The outside of an apple might seem flawed but at its core is a star waiting to shine.



A social experiment to create awareness on social disparity in the classroom.