Welcome home

Re-entry workshop
Transformation

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And whether you recognise it or not, you will be markedly different or transformed by the experience – perhaps even a different coloured goldfish.

returning home
People often say that this or that person has not yet found himself. But the self is not something one finds, it is something one creates.

Thomas Szasz
(cited by Gordon 2009: 64)
returning home
"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes."

Marcel Proust
“Life begins at the end of your Comfort Zone. So if you’re feeling uncomfortable right now, know that the change taking place in your life is a beginning, not an ending.”

Neale Donald Walsch
Learning itself, is not only the acquisition of knowledge, but a way of organising, making decisions and exploring our assumptions and constructing a new reality.

Ideally, sojourners should continually be undergoing this process (using the DIVE model as well?)
Deep vs. shallow learning

Using D.I.V.E. to go deeper.....

- Describe
- Interpret
- Verify
- Explain

Think of a time when ‘deep learning’ whilst overseas...

metacognition
If a picture paints a thousand words then an experience paints a thousand pictures...
Since the advent of photography the photographic image has been regarded as an aide-mémoire.

The very act of taking a photograph signals the moment as worthy of remembering and,

while objects break, landscapes change, and people die, the photograph endures, allowing it to be used to remember 'what has been'.
“I feel like that photo is a great symbol of the achievement that comes from conquering exchange.”

- Liam T
It was an amazing and surreal experience to be driving a dog sledge and racing through the arctic wilderness in temperatures averaging negative 25 degrees Celsius.

This image represents the sense of freedom and adventure that swept over me on my exchange experience and gave me the confidence to embark on adventures such as dog sledging, snowmobiling, tobogganing on the Salzburg winter Olympic track, horse riding in Iceland and snorkelling in the crack between the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates to name just a few!

This picture also shows how Sweden was an antithesis to Perth in just about every way, the icy wilderness and even just the presence of snow show that I really did live on the opposite side of the world!
This was taken on that same road trip in Antelope Canyon, Arizona. I think it embodies the feeling of enlightenment that you can get when you figure something out that is foreign to you, like deciphering the NYC subway system, haha!
Thank you!

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