FROM THE LEARNER’S PERSPECTIVE: What Has Been Gained From A Program-Based PLAR Process

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Following the ocean currents...

Professional Experiences

• Banking
• Candle-making business
• Recreologist
• College Teacher
• National Program Coordinator
• Consultant
• Adult Educator
• Job Search Counselor
• Program Coordinator
Educational Background

- Recreation Diploma
- NLP Practitioner and Master Practitioner
- Numerous courses and training
- Teaching - my main source of education
A small squall...

An Important Decision

- Promoter of on-going learning
- Self-employed - contract since 1983
- Staying marketable
- A world of opportunities
- Stop pondering... 50 is approaching
Anchoring...

University Selection

- Research
- Reasons for my choice
- Prior Learning Assessment possibilities
- Decision to commit to the process
Rough seas and calm waters...

Embracing PLAR

- Set the goal to complete PLAR by August and start working at it
- Asked not to study
- Took time away from work
- Found and hired a mentor/facilitator
Things That Were Helpful

- Focused time
- Professional background
- Clear and realistic goals
- A mentor/facilitator
- Baby steps
- Clearly identified competencies
- A mentor/facilitator
Ideal weather conditions...

Would Have Been Useful

• A verbal discussion providing an overview - the big picture

• An understanding of the different components of the portfolio and the way they differ one from the other

• Mentorship as an integral part of the process
Captain’s log...

What I Learned

• Recognized accomplishments
• Peer feedback
• Empowerment
• Clarification of internal motivation
• Asking...
Thank You for This Opportunity!

Un Gros Merci!