**Criteria that can be used for additional planning in preparation for an intercultural placement**

1. Identify sources of information about the location you are going to.
2. Find out about customs and practices, **AND ALSO** about professional standards and institutional systems.
3. Invest in learning some useful words and phrases in other language(s).
4. Talk to people with previous experience about what to expect.
5. Foster your sense of curiosity and be open to new ideas.
6. Make initial contact and show interest in your new partners.
7. Be open to individuals from cultural backgrounds you are not familiar with.
8. Identify personal learning opportunities you should benefit from during the placement.
9. Agree overarching goals that all partners will work towards.
10. Prepare any items related to training/learning that you will need on the placement.
11. Develop your active listening skills, so you check and clarify rather than assume the understanding of others.
12. Risk making mistakes and reflect on any mistakes in a positive way.
13. Be ready to move into unfamiliar environments and deal with ambiguous situations.
14. Be sensitive to how your behaviours might be interpreted by others.
15. Question your assumptions and modify stereotypes.
16. Anticipate suitable ways of dealing with stress, uncertainty, or lack of control over certain situations.
17. Maintain a positive outlook and embrace the potential for enrichment through experiences of difference.
18. Prepare a structured model of self-reflection to use during the placement.
19. Prepare to evaluate the outcomes of the placement on your return.
20. Prepare to share your learning with others on your return.