

Story Dialogue Workshop in SHE Academy 5 November 2019

Which categories did we identify in the workshop?

- Get knowledge
- SHE Network Foundation (*)
- Methods
- Time for sharing experiences (*)
- Centralisation
- Communication (*)
- Improvement
- Develop skills

The categories marked (*) were chosen by the participants as most important in making theory notes.

Theory notes: Communication

Communication is central for anything: For research matters, for learning, for teaching. It's important to have a common language when you work on an international level. This common language can help to exchange experiences – and that improves our individual projects/programmes. We can reinforce the links between the participants at the SHE Academy by using the internet after the Academy to communicate, exchange ideas and create a space to meet in the future. We need to continue focusing on our empowerment. Everyone here has brought much of value and a more empowered group will make a bigger difference in changing things and conditions in their home countries.

Theory notes: SHE Network Foundation

In each country there might not be a strong overall school promoting network – therefore, it's important to be a member of SHE. SHE provides documents and ideas that gives inspiration for all countries and provides a network which is a strong way to make changes.

When researchers meet, exchanges ideas, discuss and reflect on practice – like on this Academy - everyone of us gets stronger. An African saying says: “Alone you go fast – but with other people you go further”. This is a way of showing what SHE helps us to do: In the network we go further and support each other. Our different ideas are valuable to share. We act locally around the schools in our home countries, but SHE provides a platform to react globally. The members of SHE can use the network to improve the contact with decision makers which can provide stronger results. SHE is important because the network embraces our knowledge and to recognises our life stories. SHE can and will create impact and innovation.

Theory notes: Time for sharing experiences

Here at the SHE Academy, people from different countries meet, and it is valuable and appreciated to hear about all the different experiences of the participants. We could easily use more time for listening to and discussing with each other, because sharing experiences and thinking about how to implement what we are discussing gives good ideas. It certainly improves our practice and makes changes possible.

These discussions are definitely not a waste of time, on the contrary it's valuable. We believe that the SHE Academy will stat collaboration that reaches further than the time we spend together here in St Étienne. Being together, having time to discuss, makes us realise how to combine our interests. The Academy provides contact to people with the same interest as yourself.

Concerning the Story Dialogue workshop, it would have been possible to make more precise plans for change if we had used more time in the process in the workshop.



The authors of the theory notes on the Academy workshop, 5 November 2019

Read more about the Story/Dialogue method here: <http://hepcom.org/component/k2/item/71-story-dialogue-workshop.html>