# **Partners** Training for Transformation

### **Spring Newsletter 2021**





#### MAPPING OUR LANDSCAPE was our last gathering before everyone's landscape changed so dramatically. Thirty of us involved in Community Development, Education and Engagement had the

Education and Engagement had the joy of being facilitated for the day by Eimear McNally Best wishes for 2021 from everyone at Partners Training for Transformation

Digital Education Participatory Adult Learning





# COURSE DATES FOR 2021 see www.trainingfortransformation.ie for details

CREATIVE FACILITATION ONLINE COURSE

10.30 am to 1.00 pm

Thursdays and Fridays

22, 23 April; 13, 14 May; 3, 4 and 24, 25 June; 8, 9 July 2021



For those of you familiar with our approach to Creative Facilitation, we offer an opportunity to look specifically at Facilitating Creatively Online

Check website for dates to be announced

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# DIGITAL STORY TELLING AND PARTICIPATORY ADULT LEARNING

We're piloting this workshop now. Check our website in the coming weeks for details of dates and times. This project has developed in unexpected and illuminating ways over the course of 2020. Plans for 20 people from Ireland, Greece, Spain, Italy and UK to gather for a week in Navan were replaced by a week of online learning in October.

Since then we have developed and are piloting our workshop for adult educators. The experience is rich in learning for us all.

### **WORKING ONLINE**

The largest part of our focus for 2020 was re-creating and re-developing popular courses for working with groups online. It has been a busy year.

Courses which had been planned for earlier in the year were postponed as we faced the challenges and grew in confidence and competence to work in this context which was new to us.

In December we had a gathering with others to reflect together on our experience of working online. Sixteen of us had conversations to reflect on and gather our learning.

# **CREATIVE FACILITATION 2020**

This course began with two days in early March in Kimmage, and then continued online as we developed and learned a whole new world of skills and ways of approaching learning together.

We made the road by walking, and concluded this course in September 2020.

We have continued to develop and grow so that now we offer Creative facilitation as an online course, as well as a course looking specifically at Facilitating Creatively Online



# DEPAL

From 5th to 9th October 2020 we worked with Paolo Brusa and Angela Salvatore of LABC in Italy leading our Erasmus+ project in a week-long workshop in participatory Adult Learning, and Digital Story Telling.

Despite missing the experience of being together for the week, we came together as a group, had fun and learned an enormous amount. And we produced this collective digital story:

https://depalproject.eu/portfolio-item/ learning-on-the-edge-reimagined/

# Rekindling the Fire Online

Later in October, a group of past participants in Creative Facilitation met over three half-days for this workshop to Rekindle the Fire, and explore and experience the Partners TfT approach online.

### Playing with Freire Online

2020 saw the return of Playing with Freire, after a break of a couple of years. As well as exploring Freire's ideas and our own practice, we looked in particular at the use of codes. We began developing and testing 'pandemic' codes.

# FESS WORKING INTERCULTURALLY, PROMOTING INTEGRATION, ONLINE

After cancelling this workshop planned for April 2020, we collaborated with FESS to offer this intercultural workshop to adult educators and co-ordinators across the country.

### WORKING WITH ORGANISATIONS

We've worked with a number of organisations over the past year, including local partnerships, guidance counsellors, and environmental activists. The work included strategic planning, annual review and planning, and creating spaces for people to make sense of the past year in their contexts.

We also facilitated a learning review with a pan-European Erasmus+ project involved in community engaged research and learning.