

Masks & Roles" - Masks in theatre work

The offer includes 8 sequences of modules with a duration of about 24 hours which take place within the framework of a weekend workshop and, if possible, a separate date for the evaluation and assessment of the learning outcomes. The focus of the offer is on creative, group-dynamic and theatre- pedagogical exercises, which lead to the joint creation and performance of a short theatre play.

Module 1

Sociometric group work (30 min)

Overview

Using a room to build different sociometric pictures of the group.

Goals

- Forming a group
- Producing pictures to identify the group and myself as part of this group

Type of activity

Facilitated group work.

Material needed

a room with enough open space to form the group pictures

Preparation

the facilitator should prepare the questions in advance

Procedure:

The start should be Icebreakers like:

- building a row from smallest to the highest participant
- a row according to the birthdays in the group (first of January to last day of December)
- · a row according to the alphabetical order of the first names
- · a row according to the alphabetical order of the preferred colours
- building a map (north-south, east-west) of places of residence of the participants

Then moving forward to more content related of personal issues like:

- · map of places of birth,
- row of number of relocations in life,
- using the room to position oneself according to previous experience in theatre work (lot of none)

Finally addressing the core topic directly

• How German are you? (scale from 0 to 10)

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Reflection

Reflecting all pictures – possible general reflections:

- How did you manage to build the picture?
- what is interesting?
- · What does it show?

Asking a couple of participants – possible questions:

- You are coming from the North/South/East/West where exactly are you living?
- What is your scale of being German why did you choose this one?

Module 2

Storytelling (4 – 6 hours)

Overview

Every participant tells a personal story (related to the general theme) out of her/his live to another participant – a process of retelling and reworking creates anonymous, but very relevant stories related to the general theme, which can enter in a theatre play.

Goals

- Individual reflection of biographic relation to the general theme
- Finding a way to tell my own story without giving up my privacy

Type of activity

Facilitated work in groups of two; common group reflections, creative work on real live stories

Material needed

· A big room offering enough privacy, or a couple of small rooms/spaces

Preparation

Preparing the schedule and the explanations given to the participants for each step

Procedure:

- telling personal stories (in one to one settings),
- reworking, exaggerating, distorting them (in different pairs),
- placing them in other real and emotional contexts,
- retelling them (more than once)
- telling anonymous versions of the stories to the overall group

Reflection

Reflecting the individual processes and emotions of participants: what happened to your story? how did this feel? ...





















Work on the theme (2 or more time blocks of 2 hours)

Overview

Doing source studies on the theme

Goals

deepen the understanding of the theme

Type of activity

Individual or group work; presentation of results

Material needed

interesting written material on the theme

Preparation

- preparing material
- preparing interesting proposals for possible source works done individually or in groups

Procedure:

- · Analysing written material on the topic
- · Doing interviews with friends and colleagues
- · Presenting/discussing the results of the studies

Reflection

Reflecting the collected material: what changed in our perception of the general theme?

Module 4

Theatre of things (30 minutes per participant)

Overview

Using everyday material that may tell interesting stories about you in relation to the theme

Goals

- Individual reflection of biographic relation to the general theme
- Finding a way to tell my own story in a safe way

Type of activity

Individual presentation, feedback

Material needed

 A (small) stage where participant present their material and tell their stories about the meaning and significance of the material used



















Preparation

- preparing a room/stage;
- preparing the orientation (possible examples of interesting material) given to the participants

Procedure:

- · choosing things of my everyday life that speak for the theme / for myself
- presenting things in a personal way / in a theatrical manne
- getting feedback of a first and very friendly audience

Reflection

· reflection of feelings and learnings of the participants

Module 5

Bodywork (several blocks of 30 minutes)

Overview

Preparing the body to be able to use it as a means of communication

Goals

- physical and mental well being
- attention to the own body
- attention to one's own possibilities of expression

Type of activity

Oriented group work.

Material needed

· a room that is large enough and has a suitable floor

Preparation

• getting an idea of the physical possibilities of the group and choosing the appropriate exercises

Procedure:

- standing, stretching, turning, bending, keeping balance,
- walking, striding, forwards, backwards, with and without music,
- imitating the movements of a selected person,
- · expressing emotions physically.

Reflection

What did this body work do to you?

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Work on the voice (several blocks of 30 minutes)

Overview

Preparing the voice to be able to speak freely and clearly

Goals

- physical and mental well being
- · attention to the own voice
- · attention to the own body posture
- attention to one's own vocal possibilities of expression

Type of activity

Oriented group work.

Material needed

• a room that is large enough and has a suitable acoustic

Preparation

 getting an idea of the vocal possibilities of the group and choosing the appropriate exercises

Procedure:

- · conscious breathing and body posture
- · clear and accentuated speaking,
- · speaking upright to an audience

Reflection

• What did this work do to you? Can you feel the differences in posture and articulation?

Module 7

Staging (6 - 8 hours)

Overview

Preparing and implementing the performance of a play on the chosen theme together.

Goals

- · promotion of planning competence
- promotion of teamwork
- promotion of self-awareness

Type of activity

Individual work.

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Preparation

- working out possible constructions/dramaturgies for a play that uses the participants'
 contributions as extensively as possible
- · preparing of stage technology, sound technology and needed props

Procedure:

- discussing possible constructions and the dramaturgy of the play
- preparing a public performance (rehearsal of central sequences, definition of spontaneous elements of the performance)
- doing a live performance (30 60 minutes)

Reflection

• the reflection of this stage experience should take place at a separate point in time - together with the reflection of the overall process.



Evaluation workshop (2 – 3 hours)

Overview

Evaluating the process, the outcomes and the learning process

Goals

deepening the learning process

Type of activity

Oriented group work

Material needed

if needed: material for moderation / documentation of the workshop

Preparation

 preparing an presentation of the different moments of the group process (pictures, videos, outputs, etc.)

Procedure/reflection:

- reflecting the group process
- reflecting individual processes (feelings, challenges, fears, interesting observations)
- reflecting contributions to the personal development of participants (individual outcomes; competences acquired)











































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