

WORLD STORYTELLING INSTITUTE

Presents a Two-Day Workshop for Adults in Chennai on

“Helping Teachers and Children to Tell Stories”

Day One: Sunday 13 April -- led by Geetha Ramanujam
of Bangalore's *Kathalaya*.

Day Two: Sunday 20 April -- led by Jeeva Raghunath and Eric Miller
of Chennai's *World Storytelling Institute*.

10am to 5pm both days, at the *World Storytelling Institute*.

***Dear Editors and Reporters,
Print and Electronic Media, Chennai,***

India's senior-most and youngest Storytelling Organisations -- *Kathalaya*, and the *World Storytelling Institute*, respectively -- are working together!

Chennai's *World Storytelling Institute* is delighted to announce that Ms. Geetha Ramanujam, Director of Bangalore's *Kathalaya (House of Stories)*, will be visiting Chennai to Guest-Lead Day-One of the *WSI's* Two-Day Workshop on “**Helping Teachers and Children to Tell Stories.**”

Ms. Ramanujam will be available for interviews while she is in Chennai -- from Saturday 11 April (morning), to Monday 14 April (morning). Pre-workshop interviews could occur via telephone (0 98452 07073) and e-mail <kathalaya@gmail.com> .

Members of the Media are also welcome to visit the Workshops as they occur.

The message we want to get out is:

Wanted: People who would like to be trained as Storytelling Educators.

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The story of this Two-Day Workshop is the following:

Chennai's *World Storytelling Institute* has been overwhelmed with requests from Chennai's schools, play-schools, childcare centers, summer camps, etc, to provide Storytelling Workshops for their teachers and children.

Thus, the *WSI* has decided to seek to train a generation of Storytelling Educators, some of whom might possibly eventually work part-time for the *WSI*. (The Workshop is also open to individuals who are already employed full-time in Chennai schools, etc.)

To this end, this Workshop seeks to train adults, to help teachers and children to tell stories, and to work with stories, in schools, etc. (For improving one's own storytelling, individuals are encouraged to attend the *WSI*'s first-Sunday-of-the-month Storytelling Workshops.)

The fee for this Two-Day Workshop (13 and 20 April) is 1000 Rs. Lunch will be provided. This Workshop will be held mostly in English. Interested people are requested to apply to register for the Workshop as soon as possible. For further info: www.storytellinginstitute.org and 98403 94282.

Regarding Bangalore's Kathalaya

(www.kathalaya.org) --

Kathalaya, India's senior-most Storytelling Organization, is a well-known and greatly-respected member of the International Storytelling Movement. Its mission is "to make a positive social change by developing storytelling as a tool in education."

Founded in 1998, *Kathalaya* has trained thousands of teachers in many parts of India, as well as in Japan, Thailand, Singapore, South Africa, UK, Germany, Poland, USA, etc. Due in part to *Kathalaya*'s pioneering work, the Karnataka Government has integrated storytelling into the curriculum of Government schools.

Regarding Chennai's World Storytelling Institute

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