

# "Storytelling for Teaching and Training"

Two-day Seminar on Sat 14 and Sun 15 Feb 2015

Featuring Panel Discussions (with Descriptions and Demonstrations of Methods) relating to **Special Needs Children** and **Children in General** (Sat 14 Feb), and **Adults** and **Teenagers** (Sun 15 Feb).

Hall F-50, Centenary Building, University of Madras (Chepauk campus)

An event in **Chennai Storytelling Festival 2015**,

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## Saturday 14 February

9:30 - 10am. Inauguration of the Seminar.

Review of Storytelling: Narrating and Role-playing. Using Breath, Voice Modulation, and Song; and Posture, Gesture, Movement, and Dance. Interacting with Listeners. Building Storytelling Performances around What Characters are Going Through; Turning Points; and Themes, Messages, and Morals. Dr Eric Miller.

Keynote Talk, "Storytelling for Teaching and Training". Richard Martin.

Introductory Words. Geeta Ramanujam.

10am - 12:30pm. "Storytelling for Teaching and Training **Special Needs Children**".

- 1) "Multi-Sensory Storytelling: Creating Stories around Objects from Daily Life; Using Props, Puppets, Pictures, and Objects in Storytelling; and Creating an Enhanced Sensorial Experience for Children." Sowmya Srinivasan and Aparna Athreya.
- 2) "Using Storytelling to Teach Math and Phonics". Sheetal N.
- 3) "Using Storytelling to Teach Concepts and Language". Shreya Biswas.
- 4) "Using Storytelling to Teach and Train Children having Autism". Asha Sampath, and Special Educators from the *Sankalp Learning Center*.
- 5) "Building Expressive Language through Storytelling, for Children with Multiple Disabilities". Aarabhi Badri and Krithika (Special Educators, *Vidya Sagar*).

12:30pm - 1:30. Lunch.

1:30 - 4pm. "Storytelling for Teaching and Training **Children in General**".

- 1) "Ways Audience-participation in Storytelling Can Help Children to Internalise and Learn From Stories". Kiran Shah.
- 2) "Using Storytelling -- and Low-tech Multimedia such as Movement, Song, Role-playing, Puppet-play, Drawing, and Creative Writing -- to Help Children Develop". Vasugi Ram Manohar and Team.
- 3) "Using Storytelling in Teaching Languages". Richard Martin.
- 4) "Ways Traditional Stories Involving Riddles and Open Endings Can be Used to Foster Analytical and Creative Thinking in Children". Sandhya Ruban.
- 5) "Using Storytelling to Teach Concepts, and Subjects such as Math, Science, and Language". Asha Sampath.
- 6) "Ten Ways to Teach-and-learn Through Storytelling". Geeta Ramanujam.

4 - 4:15pm. Break.

4:15 - 5:15pm. Panel Discussion: "Ways NGOs and Corporate Social Responsibility Depts Have Used, and Could Use, Storytelling in Community Projects".

**Sunday 15 February**

10am - 12:30pm. **"Storytelling for Teaching and Training Adults"**.

- 1) "Using Storytelling for Corporate Training Regarding Decision-making, Delegation, Teamwork, and Leadership Initiatives". Mohan Krishnan.
- 2) "Using Storytelling to Develop Business Conceptual and Communication Skills". Ameen Haque.
- 3) "Solving Problems and Resolving Conflicts through Story Making and Storytelling in the Corporate Context". Lavanya Srinivasan.
- 4) "Using Storytelling to Improve Memory". Dr Marquess Raj.
- 5) "Using Storytelling to Increase Awareness". Dr Prithika Chary.

12:30pm - 1:30pm. Lunch.

1:30 - 4pm. **"Storytelling for Teaching and Training Teenagers"**.

- 1) "Using Storytelling to Teach in the High School Classroom". Richard Martin.
- 2) "Using a Variety of Media to Teach About and With the Legend of Ponnivala". Dr Brenda Beck.
- 3) "Using Storytelling to Teach History". Sudha Umashankar.
- 4) "Using Storytelling to Promote Environmental Awareness". Usha Venkatraman.
- 5) "Using Storytelling to Teach Ways to Apply Science and Technology". K.Shanmugasundaram.
- 6) "Using Storytelling to Develop Six Behavioural Traits and Leadership Skills". Geeta Ramanujam.

4 - 4:15pm. Break.

4:15 - 5:15pm. Panel Discussion: "Storytelling and the Other Arts in Education: Contributions India's Traditional Storytelling Culture Could Make to Today's Education System".

5:15 - 5:30pm. Closing Words.