

Storytelling as a Pedagogical Tool

Description

"The human mind is a story processor, not a logic processor"

Dr Jonathan Haidt, NYU-Stern School of Business

Millions of years of telling stories have shaped our brains such that we instinctively process information and remember better via story. Therefore it is not surprising that storytelling is one of our most powerful communications tools.

Storytelling is increasingly being used by faculty in institutions of higher learning, as way to engage their learners and make the lessons more easily understandable and more memorable for them. In this activity-oriented workshop, you will explore ways of integrating storytelling into your teaching, as well as develop your vocal expression, story crafting and storytelling skills.

Duration

1 day

Programme Content

This Programme comprises of the following topics:

1. Why storytelling is such a powerful communication tool
2. What makes an effective story
3. What makes effective storytelling
4. Understanding what makes your voice expressive through practical vocal expression and vocal energy exercises
5. Collecting and recording stories for storytelling
6. How to craft a story effectively
7. Sharing and polishing of stories through guided storytelling activities

Target Audience

Programme Directors (PDs), Associate PDs, Core Clinical Faculty Members (CCFMs), Clinical Educator Leads (CELs) and clinicians with education responsibilities for learning activities

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the programme, participants will be able to:

1. Understand why storytelling is such a powerful communication and teaching tool;
2. Use stories to engage attention and effectively transmit information;
3. Develop strategies to weave stories into their teaching;
4. Be aware of the elements that make up an expressive and energetic speaking voice;
5. Apply effective strategies for preparing, telling and sharing stories in their teaching.

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Methodology

Methodologies used will include:

1. Formal presentations
2. Demonstrations by the facilitator
3. Individual hands-on practice and group activities

Training Capacity

30 participants per run

About the Organiser

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