

HUMAN LIBRARY: A NEW WAY TO SHARING THE INFORMATION

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Abstract :The Human Library is an advanced method designed to promote dialogue, reduce prejudices and encourage understanding. The paper aims to present the means of Human Library and its history and expansion, points out the Human Library is a new way of share the Information and elaborates the advantage and role of human library in tacit knowledge transfer and sharing in the Digital World.

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Introduction:

The Human Library is an international organization and movement that first started in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2000 with the aim to challenge prejudice against social contact among people. Similar to how a traditional library works, the Human Library participants can be checked out, at which point they engage themselves in conversations and share stories with the public. The Human Library Organization is currently active in over 60 countries. The organization was founded in Copenhagen in 2000, when a series of living books were created for a festival run by 'Stop the Violence'. The first permanent Human Library was established in Lismore, Australia in 2006.

History of Human Library:

Once upon a time in Copenhagen, Denmark. There was a young and idealistic youth organization called "Stop The Violence". This non-governmental youth movement was self-initiated by the youngsters Dany Abergel, Asma Mouna, Christoffer Erichsen and Ronni Abergel from Copenhagen after a mutual friend was stabbed in the nightlife (1993). The brutal attack on their friend, who luckily survived, made the group decide to try and do something about the problem and to spread awareness and use peer group education to mobilize Danish youngsters against violence. In a few years the organization had 30.000 members all over the country.

Human Library in India:

Remember when we reported on Harshad Fad's brilliant initiative on starting India's first Human Library in Hyderabad? It isn't a very complicated concept, where instead of borrowing a book you can borrow a human being for 20 minutes and hear their story, dispelling prejudices and leaving the participants with a wider perspective. Delhi's first Human Library initiative might help us find that human connection once more. Delhi's first Human Library event took place on Sunday, June 18 2017 between 2 PM and 7 PM at Innov8 Co-working Space, Connaught Place. Each participant chooses from 11 Human Books, curated by the organizers in the last few weeks.

Meaning of Human Library:

The human Library is an International equalities movement based on a concept that facilitates conversation that can challenge prejudice and promote cohesion. The Human Library Organization is established in Demark, with an affiliated organisation, Human Library UK, based in Norfolk. The Human Library provides an opportunities to those people who have faced prejudice to be "Human Book" The titles of the Books acknowledge the prejudices the individuals have faced in their life, in the , hope that it may provoke a potential prejudice in the Reader (visitor). During a Human Library event visitor can pick one of these titles and engage in conversation with their chosen Book for up to thirty minutes.

The Human Library provides a safe and accessible way for people to explore the diversity of their community, and understand how prejudice can affect a wide number of people with whom they share their community. It encourages the Books and the Readers to discuss their commonalities and differences through a respectful conversation where often their

assumptions and prejudices are challenged. The structure of the Human Library makes it possible for Readers to ask questions they may ordinarily be afraid/hesitate to ask, thus getting an opportunity to learn about each other's and Our Own attitudes and behaviours.

Why Run a Human Library?

A Human Library tackles prejudices, brings different people together and creates social capital. The format is a simple and very effective way to bring people together and create good will and understanding. If your organization works with people, who have experienced prejudice, you can collaborate with other organizations to create a Human Library. We have found that people who have been books found the experience Very enjoyable and have been keen to take part again. A Human Library gives people a chance to speak for themselves and know that they are helping to others to tackle prejudice. You cannot run a themed Human Library, for example, an event focusing on faith or sexuality The strength of a Human Library is that it covers variety of prejudices that people may face.

The most important element of the Human Library methodology is providing Readers with a choice of Books, that they can that it borrows, and it empowers them to ask the questions that they want to ask. By providing this choice, Readers are more likely to borrow other Books at the event, and are therefore are more likely to borrow someone that they would otherwise avoid making a social contact with.

If organization has a venue you can offer your space for free to the groups to come together and have a Human Library. You can also create your own Human Library by collaborating with other community organizations, often partners will have a clear idea of. who would be the confident one and enjoy being a book.

If your organization deals with conflicts between different groups you may wish to run a Human Library event to bring people together and support them to learn about each other. Again, this event cannot be themed.

Who can organize a Human Library?

A Human Library can be organized by anyone, who understands the importance of challenging the stereotypes, and prejudice that often leads to stigma and discrimination, and the one who wants to promote the respect for difference and diversity in their community. Human Libraries can be organized by a group of individuals or an organization/institution. Events are presented by public libraries, student groups, universities, high schools, colleges, festivals, nongovernmental organizations, public authorities and private partners. However, permission is needed from the HLO.

What is a Human Book?

A Human Library is an event that aims to create dialogue and understanding between people. Individuals volunteer as human 'books' and participants in the event can 'read' the book- meaning they would have a one on one conversation with the volunteer and share in a dialogue about that individual's experience. 'Books' are volunteers from all walks of life who have experienced discrimination based on race, religion, sexual preference, class, gender identity, sex, age, lifestyle choices, disability and other aspects of their life. The Human Library provides the opportunity for the community to share and understand the experiences of others in their Community.

Conclusion:

Human Library enables readers to ask the questions they have always wanted to ask; while books are given the opportunity to share stories about their personal experiences in a safe and friendly environment. This allows individual to actively contribute to building inclusive communities of understanding. People come from various backgrounds would talk with each other, such as the police officer sitting there speaking with the youth activist, the politician in discussions with the graffiti writer and the football fan in deep chat with the feminist. Human Library would promote understanding between people of different social backgrounds in communication, breaking the barriers between the population and increasing the social cohesion. The idea is to introduce people to a collection of individuals who come from different walks of life and realities compared to their own. It's an attempt to promote diversity and share a broad range of views and opinions all within a context of respect and intellectual curiosity.

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