

Creative Mentors involving Written Stories of Connection Needed for KE Project

The 2014-15 Knowledge Exchange Impact project is “Narratives of Connection in Many Accents”, coordinated by Dr Esther Yau, Department of Comparative Literature. HKU staff and student volunteers will share their knowledge on story telling techniques with the community and participants will apply these techniques to tell stories of the meaningful connections they have made in this city.

Volunteers will be trained to lead workshops using games, videos, and short writing exercises. The project especially encourages participants who are non-Chinese speaking to get involved in telling stories and it shall provide a web site for them to share the stories. Connecting with one’s own neighbours, fellow students, friends, teachers, or someone can have an impact on one’s life and outlook. We encourage stories of meaningful connections including people who have different mother tongues, come from different cultural backgrounds, of different age groups, work experience, religions, or life experiences.

Volunteer creative mentors will teach the participants, help participants make progress with their stories of connection and possibly contribute their own stories. Recruitment starts now.

Project duration:

December 2014 to June 2015. Training session starts in December.

Workshops for participants may be during school hours or after hours.

There will be a Final Gathering in June, 2015.

What you will do as Volunteer Creative Mentors:

- Join a team to develop and prepare for workshops and mentoring skills.
- Assist in running workshops and mentoring participants. May do some public speaking at schools and community centers in various districts.
- Transportation costs will be fully covered.
- Receive training in December-January; give workshops and mentoring sessions for once/twice a month during February 2014 to June 2015.
- Mentor 6-10 Creative Digital Narrative Projects to completion before June, 2015.

Best Quality Sought from You as Volunteer Creative Mentors:

- University students in Arts, Education, Law, Social Sciences, Law, or students who like writing and have good expressive ability.
- Fluent in English and Cantonese, communicable in Mandarin, able to read and write Chinese and English.

- Interested in mentoring and bringing out stories of connection and what it means living in Hong Kong.
- Willing to travel to various districts in Hong Kong to meet people in the community and to run workshops once/twice a month during the period of February to May 2015.
- Patient and ready to mentor creative projects with understanding and friendly openness. Ability to help participants complete their projects!

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Thank you.