

SCHOOL MEMORY WORK

~~A user's manual~~



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Imagine a community of people of all ages, cultures, abilities... a community as richly diverse as the world we live in today.

This imaginary community is one that lives **in year 2050...**and it's on a mission to re-imagine education!

Amid the different resources that they research in order to understand how to best accomplish their mission, they stumble into a time capsule; the time capsule of ***school memories that matter.***

This time capsule was created today, in [year] when children and young people from [place] filled it with audio files, drawings, pictures, poems, and texts, capturing their most important school memories.

These *school memories that matter* are glimpses into what moves and matters to children and young people in their education today and so they are valuable resource for otherwise education imaginaries in the future...

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE
YOUR MEMORY IN THE
TIME-CAPSULE?

HERE ARE SOME PROMPTS
TO GET YOU STARTED...

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Time travel in the future...

If you want, you can close your eyes and use your imagination to travel in year 2050 to be with this future community that opens the time capsule...

Think about your one school memory that you would like to add in the time capsule.

DESCRIBE YOUR MEMORY

Take the time you need to think...

Then, describe your memory in whatever format you feel more comfortable with (for example, you can write it down on a piece of paper, voice record it, draw it...)

*Don't stress out about choosing something "big" that will impress others. Your memory can be however small or big, it can be a joyful or a sad one. Anything that is important to you matters.

PROMPTS...

- What school memory did you choose and why?
- What happens in your memory?
- What year is your memory from?
- Where did it take place?
- Who else was involved?
- How does this memory make you feel?
 - Do you remember any particular tastes, sounds, or smells?
 - How did the space feel like?
- Why is this memory important to you?
- Maybe there are some emotions for which you cannot find the words?
- Is there a particular message you would like to send through your memory into the future? An emotion you would like others to feel?

GET TOGETHER IN SMALL GROUPS

*Except if you're doing the
school memory work
individually

Take turns and exchange on your
school memories with the group.

Scribble thoughts and feelings
evoked while listening to others.
Does it bring any pictures to mind
or remind you of something else?

Don't hesitate to ask questions:
what made you curious to know more
or maybe was not clear to you?

Bring together (maybe draw a map?)
all the words, feelings and images
that you have collected: are there
meanings you want to discuss with
the group?

PREPARE YOUR MEMORY FOR THE TIME CAPSULE!

Is there anything else you wish to do before adding your memory in the time capsule?

Do you wish to rewrite it after the discussion you had with the group? Maybe add some #key-words? Words, images, sounds, or objects?

ABOUT THE TIME CAPSULE...

The time capsule can take different forms and shapes...

- It can be a physical construction that you can place in a public (or secret) spot in school. (Maybe you want bury it somewhere someday?).
 - Or an online, digital time capsule, something like an 'archive', where you can add yours alongside other young people's school memories.
 - Anything else you can think of?
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