The Topic

Increased cultural diversity in Iceland is well documented in statistics. As a topic it is similarly well placed in the media. But what does it mean for our everyday live? What are our lived experiences, tasks, challenges in relation to increased cultural diversity?

Society is a fluid and ever changing historical process that consists solely of everyday activities of concrete people in concrete situations and relationships. In face of increased global mobility on all levels of social life: What actually are the frictions that we feel in the present situation? And what are our ways to deal with those frictions? How do we relate to changes in our surroundings? And how do we change, ourselves and our surroundings by intervening in the making of everyday live, hence the making of history and society?

The Method

Collective Memory Work (CMW) is a method of critical inquiry that engages a group of participants in writing short scenes of remembered experiences. These scenes are used as material for analysis of the interplay between self-constructions and social conditions.

CMW was developed by feminist activists as a critique of traditional Marxism and alienating social science/s. It can been used for critical research and political education. It allows for collectively directed self-organised educational processes amongst all participants involved in a given project. Research becomes education, education becomes research.

Learning experiences in CMW are multi-dimensional, concerning language, analytic thinking, political insights, discursive meaning-making, personal and political histories.

Participation is open to everyone with an interest in the topic and the method. Deliberations will be held in English.

The summer school will take place at: School of Education/Menntavísindasvið Háskóli Íslands, at Stakkahlíð.

Monday, 12th of August - Friday, 16th of August

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Registration necessary due to limited spaces.
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The summer school is organised by Dr. Karen Rut Gísladóttir (University of Iceland) in cooperation with Dr. Robert Hamm (Maynooth University, Ireland).

For doctoral students’, the participation in the summer school is credited as 3 ECTS.