

There's something I'd like you to know:
Relational Theatre Performances in the spirit of witnessing

Speakers/performers from the UVic campus and the community

This workshop presents the *act of witnessing* as an alternative way to approach multiculturalism, diversity and inclusion. After first learning some techniques that foster Active Listening, participants will be given multiple opportunities to fully attend to a variety of stories told by speakers from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

Biographies of facilitators

Lina de Guevara

Originally from Chile, Lina is an actor, theatre director and drama teacher. She's a specialist in Commedia dell' Arte, Transformational Theatre and Theatre of the Oppressed. She's the founder and artistic director of PUENTE Theatre Society, which has been creating and producing plays about the immigrant experience since 1988.

Website: www.puentetheatre.ca

Will Weigler

Will Weigler has been a community-based theatre director, teacher and playwright for over 25 years. He is the author of the award-winning book *Strategies for Playbuilding: Helping Groups Translate Issues into Theatre* (Heinemann, 2001), and was a member of the editorial staff of the book *We Are Strong: A Guide to the Work of Popular Theatres Across the Americas* (Institute for Cultural Policy Studies, 1983). Will is currently a PhD candidate in applied theatre at the University of Victoria. His doctoral study is titled "How communities can engage the power of the theatrical event: Representation, participant agency and aesthetic arrest."

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Hiroko Noro

Originally from Japan, Hiroko teaches Japanese language and linguistics in the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies at the University of Victoria. She has been involved in developing a relatively new approach to second language learning and teaching, using drama and theatre.

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CindyAnn Rose-Redwood

CindyAnn Rose-Redwood is a lecturer in the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria. Her research focuses on issues of diversity, social interaction, segregation, immigrants, international students and higher education. She is presently working on a project about rethinking the definition of diversity in relation to international students attending North American universities.

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