



# **Digital Education Storytelling Exhibition Launch**

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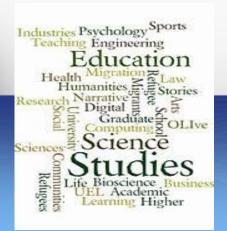


## Welcome

## Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging

- CMRB is interdisciplinary centre that fosters critical conversations among students, staff, practitioners and activists for social change
- Integrates research and teaching from undergraduate to post-doctoral levels
  - Master in Refugee Studies
  - Master in Conflict, Displacement and Human Security
  - UBEL Doctoral Training Partnership
- Works in close collaboration with the UEL Refuge Archives and UEL Living Refugees Archives and the Centre for Narrative Research







## **Educational Narratives**

Narrative (from the Latin to tell) is a story, a spoken, written, visual, multi-media account of connected and interconnected events

Links between social, emotional, and academic skills in emergencies

#### Agency

• 'through which to express themselves, their community and their knowledge' (Vecchio et al. 2017:135)

#### **Politics of representation**

- 'they can tell us about how people themselves, as "experiencing subjects", make sense of violence and turbulent change. From personal accounts, we may also glean the diversity behind over-generalised notions of "the refugee experience"' (Eastmond 2007: 249)
- From 'passive victims' to 'individual agents' (Zeus, 2011)

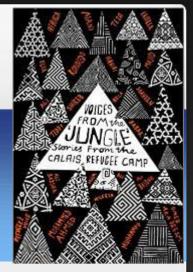
#### **Psycho-social wellbeing**

- 'a primary embodiment of our understanding of the world, of experience and ultimately of ourselves' (Kerby 1991:3).
- 'processes and actions that promote the holistic wellbeing of people in their social world' and facilitate 'resilience within individuals, families and communities' (IFRC 2009)









## **Life Stories Project with Migrant Learners in Calais**

### **Open Learning Initiative**

### Methodology

- Decolonial framework of knowledge production that decentres hegemonic histories and calls into question existing power relations among researchers/teachers and participants/learners
- Ethics of care (Tagggart 2016)

#### **Life Stories Project with Migrant Learners in Calais**

- UEL staff, students and practitioners organised Life Stories multi-modal workshops
- Discussion of Life Stories such as texts by Nelson Mandela, Malala, Displaces photo-project, arts
- Migrants wrote their own Life Stories
- Publication of Voices from the Jungle authored by the migrant learners

### **Open Learning Initiative (OLIve)**

10 week course to introduce migrants and refugees into UK Higher Education English language, academic writing, arts, yoga, child-care and social spaces of support





Thank you all!







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