

Check-Out/Feedback by participants of TTTT workshop week “Sparring Partners” written on 12 June 2020

We met on Monday, Wednesday, Friday online/on Jitsi. Everyone was invited to sign up to or to suggest an activity for this online workshop week. We had screenings, panel discussions, reading groups and work sessions. This is the feedback at the end of the week, collected anonymously on a collaborative writing pad.

*First, thank you for the organization of the half week! The fact that we did not have to attend all the sessions was good. It can be sometimes exhausting to be on jitsi all the time. Also, it was great that we had the topics and workshop contents beforehand, so we could go in those [Jitsi] rooms we were really interested in!

*The fact that we had to do it all online was good to learn and use the digital tools. I feel it will now be easier to use online tools from now on.

*I'm happy that we discussed some dysfunctionalities of the group. We learn from our mistakes, and it is easier for me to analyse some of my defence mechanisms.

*Same.

*We might want to call out to the guest speakers when they use tools that are repeating an idea of white supremacy and sexism. Not to shame them, but to facilitate self-reflection and maybe change those tools for future workshops.

Sadly I did not get the chance to see everyone (I noticed some ppl were missing, hope they are well!)

*Thank you for reconnecting us all together. Even from afar it is great to see you all and discuss new subjects. I hope we can continue now to work in small groups of interest rather than groups of schools. Possibly working towards Gothenburg meeting in November since we have 2 days off ? (a few of use have their Jury this week or the next) We could propose new groups during these two days free. We have so little time to meet in person

*What an interesting week of having to rethink what was supposed to be a physical meeting, what we just experience. Thank you to everyone for participating and bringing their different voices to the centre of the week. I believe we touched on so many things that were of concern for the group in regard to topics never touched.

*Yeah we were really scared and disappointed that we have to do it online, but now it

worked so well in an unexpected/different way.

*So important to be connected this week with this context of Covid-19.

*Really happy to be connected with all of you. Most of the people navigated so well with all the digital tools. It was a bit MAGIC. We are now pro with Jitsi!

*I have learned a lot. I advise everybody to read the text “White Supremacy Culture” proposed by Helio and the text “All About Love” from bell hooks proposed by Åke about lying.

*Me too, it was super great moments and tools! Will do!!

*For the meetings to come, would it be possible to invite only Non-White people?

*Yes, good suggestion, I agree !!! Please. The guests for this week were mainly white.

*For the meetings to come, is it possible to take care about the missing participants? I noticed that some people from the group were not there any more. It is important for the group to understand and deconstruct why ... thanks for explaining.

*For the meetings to come, is it possible to pay attention to representation regarding gender/ race/class when it comes to references to share ? If it's not appropriate, please change your references (I am thinking about the drawings used in the conflict workshop representing only white males > you can redraw if necessary).

*I have the feeling that groups are on their way to work on several things – very important. It's nice.

*Is it possible to imagine a new online meeting, maybe in the end of September , so we don't have to wait to November? Maybe only one day ?

*Sounds great ! Yes!

*I felt reconnected again with the group.

*Me too! <3

*Me three. And I feel like we worked beautifully with each other too. I think many interesting things took place and I am looking forward to continuing developing TTTT in the next meetings.

*I have no feeling of “OMG we aren't developing interesting things for the EU” and we have so much material already. Amen!

*I appreciate the structure (I'm one of those who need it to feel motivated), that there

was some transparency in the methods for the different activities.

*The methods of collectively reading worked very well.

*The conflict session made me think of the importance of play (besides the learning it offered).

*We are getting better, but still, we have to be better at scheduling breaks. Hahaha.

*It was a bit hard at the beginning with Jitsi, but actually it was also so nice to see everyone and keep doing the session online and getting back at it. So I was actually excited to keep moving with the productions and to see proposition getting slowly into shape within all the different TTTT working groups.

*I thought the week was very intense but well distributed. It would have been nice to have more breaks.

*It was really nice to see your faces, and hear your voices. The silent moments and black boxes on Jitsi were really uncomfortable!! So true, how can we find tools to avoid this? I really liked the music played before some sessions! Thanx <3

*I really liked the small group discussions. I think it's important to do this more often.

*Me too!! Yes.

It was very nice and cosy, beside the fact that we were online. I guess having small groups did help a lot. Thank you for the organization. I'm super curious to see the November program and/or continuations of this week's work sessions.

*It was nice to get in touch after such a long time. It would have been sad to just do nothing because of the COVID-19. Thanks for all the work done to make this happen.

*I am using the animals presented in the conflict workshop more than I expected to use them – already.

*The slow reading sessions are super good - felt like a good process of creating cross understandings and concentration on one thing at a time.

*I'm torn between the fact that we had no breaks to stretch... but this created acceptance of participating only in some sessions – This gave also the right to take the time needed when needed. There was less "fear of missing out" because of this early agreement that we could duck in and out.

*Plus, online gives more space for that than a squeaky door in the room. Hahaha

*We fixed the door with olive oil from the lunch break. Nobody found out about it <3.

*Okay. This week has kind of expanded my mind and thoughts and reconnected socially with others in the group, but my body is tired and sweaty. Disembodied. Or is it “disemsouled”? I do not know. But anyway, we are all learning. And we are all teaching each other And we are all doing a great job. So, I think it is an important part of the research done in the small groups to somehow making our progress public. That makes it more real? Once, it is put out in the open, it is easier to see where we have been fiddling with small details that might not be most important. This week sort of recalibrated our toolbox, I would say. Really interesting connections I have seen. Yeah.

*We really just missed scheduling the breaks. We should have thought of that. Sorry.