

A PRACTICAL STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

STORYTELLING FOR EDUCATORS

Human connection that brings learning to life.



Storytelling at the Sydney Opera House

Knowing your subject is one thing. Helping someone else connect with it is another.

A well-chosen story can make an unfamiliar idea easier to grasp, show why a lesson matters and open a conversation that facts alone might not prompt.

Storytelling for Educators is a practical workshop for people who teach, train and develop others. Participants learn to find, shape and deliver stories that support their subject, build rapport and encourage meaningful participation.

Why human connection matters

Technology offers valuable ways to organise information and support learning. However, engaging people takes far more than presenting information on a screen.

A presentation can be polished and still feel impersonal. A subject can be important and still seem remote. Stories help close that distance by connecting ideas with people, choices and consequences.

"Feedback from across the group was superb, reflecting Rob's ability to engage an audience of delegates from 14 APAC countries, along with guests from the USA, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa."

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SKILLS PARTICIPANTS CAN USE

What participants learn

01 Find the story

Recognise useful stories in everyday and professional experiences, and connect them to the learning objective and the audience.

02 Shape the message

Give a story a clear direction. Choose the details that help, remove those that distract and make the connection to the lesson clear.

03 Bring the story to life

Explore how voice, pace, pauses, eye contact and physical presence influence delivery. Recognise when humour helps and when it distracts, and develop confidence without adopting a performance style that feels unnatural.

04 Create participation

Use stories to invite questions, discussion and reflection. Practise listening to learners' contributions and connecting them to the subject, while keeping the session focused and purposeful.

Practical learning, personal delivery

Through demonstrations, paired exercises and supportive individual feedback, participants develop material they can use in their own teaching or training.

The emphasis is on finding an approach that suits their personality, subject and audience. Participants leave with practical delivery techniques and a clearer sense of when storytelling will strengthen a lesson – and when a direct explanation will serve it better.



Workshop details

Duration and format:

Half-day interactive workshop.

Group size: 8 to 12 participants.

Preparation:

No preparation is required.

Who it is for

School teachers, university lecturers, workplace trainers, HR and learning and development professionals, and others responsible for helping people learn.

ABOUT ROB REDENBACH

Experience behind the workshop

Thirty years ago, Rob Redenbach was teaching unarmed combat to the British SAS at Hereford. More recently, he was in Perth, working alongside Tim Curtis and Ben Pronk, co-authors of *The Resilience Shield*, helping aspiring comedians refine their stagecraft.

Very different skills. Very different objectives. Yet both shared a central teaching method: storytelling.

That connection between storytelling and learning has been a consistent thread throughout Rob's career. Long before teaching unarmed combat at Hereford, he spent three years teaching English in Korea, Japan and China. There, he discovered how stories could bridge language and cultural differences.

Postgraduate studies in dispute resolution at Bond University and executive education at Harvard broadened his understanding of how people think, communicate and learn. Performing stand-up comedy at the Edinburgh Fringe and a sold-out storytelling show at the Sydney Opera House provided further opportunities to explore how timing, delivery and audience interaction bring a story to life.

Together with his work as a professional speaker at more than 1,000 corporate events in 23 countries, these experiences underpin a practical approach to storytelling that helps people connect, understand and remember.



From unarmed combat to stand-up comedy: Rob Redenbach (left) helping aspiring comedians refine their stagecraft in Perth.

"Over the past 5 years we've hired some of the world's most respected law enforcement speakers - including Dave Grossman - on multiple occasions. Rob Redenbach was rated as one of our very best speakers. Very high marks from a cynical bunch of senior narcotic cops."

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