What’s your story??

(aka: your personal narrative)

Over the last few days, you’ve had the chance to become more ‘outrospective’, meaning, you’ve listened to the stories of Others (those that have experiences that differ from your own). Now I’m challenging you to build on these experiences and reflect on your own ‘story’.

Our own stories can help us:

* To find meaning and purpose in our lived experiences,
* To understand the methods and often the madness of our shared culture, and
* To imagine a better way for everyone

In yesterday’s class, Rob framed his story around the ideas of:

***Broadening***: Challenging our perspective to being able to view the big picture.

***Burrowing***: Learning about each of the main characters in that big picture story. This assignment involves you ‘burrowing’ to uncover and express your own story.

***Restorying***: Making the shift from the present to the future, or from theory to practice. Knowing what we now know, how are we going to make the future different (thus challenging the dominant paradigm?).

***Personal narrative***: a type of social science research (rooted in ethnographic studies).

***Your task:***

To capture your ‘personal story’.

***Imagine that you were asked to be a human book at a human library event.***

***What ‘personal story’ would you choose to share with readers?***

This is what I’m asking you to develop.

***Format:***

Most of you will choose to write about your personal story.

Minimum 750 words; maximum ... 3000.

Alternately, you can choose another format of expression, such as, a **video**.

\*\*Please note: no one will read/hear your personal story except me, unless you choose to share it.

Where is the evaluation rubric? This is difficult to create for this assignment given that it is mainly about self-expression. That said, you are being challenged to **communicate** your ‘story’ in way that gives the ‘reader’ a better understanding of who you are. If this is done, and done well, = 100% (communication mark).

You only have today and tomorrow as work period ☺