



Lexi's Story – Being not Doing

Intersectionality in
action

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Stories from my practice and research

- I listen to and observe people's stories
- I craft new stories based on these experiences
- I use these stories to illustrate key points and explore issues in more detail
- The reader/listener needs to work out the message intended by the story teller
- As advocated by Andrew Sparkes (2007) I invite you to think *with* the story, to see where it takes you, to take care of the story, and when it is needed, to share it with others

If you're sitting comfortably...

We meet at her local coffee shop, along with a practitioner from the project she attends.

Once we've chosen our drinks we sit on the comfy sofas, at the far end, furthest from the door...



Different constellations of intersections

Patricia Hill Collins - '... one of the few social thinkers who are able to rise above their own experiences; to challenge us with a significant view of oppression and identity politics that not only has the possibility of changing the world but also of opening up the prospect of continuous change.'

How may we rise above our own experiences to understand Lexi's experiences from this tale that I have told of her world?

How may we apply intersectional thinking to consider this young person's experiences?

Identity

Ultimately, when discussing identity, we are referring to who we are and how the world sees us. Our identities are the multiple characteristics, both visible and invisible, that identify us as individuals and members of a group.

Jamila Osman (2018)

