

(SJRK) Partners Meeting Notes February 20, 2018

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Notes from last meeting: <https://wiki.fluidproject.org/display/fluid/%28SJRK%29+February+6%2C+2018+Partners+Meeting+Notes>

Silvia

- Silvia has been in Cartagena for last 2 months
- Have conceptualized the results of SJRK in Cartagena and in other places in the region
- <http://cuentalo.org/>
- A city initiative - visualize the activities of all the groups in the towns around the city
- Cuentalo - "share with us"
- Have changed the website a number of times!
- Working on having a stable version
- 11 histories of different kinds of people around the city
- Will put the stories on Youtube - with subtitles in English, Spanish
- Stories all have different versions - video, narrative (accessible pdf), commentary
- Cartagena is one of the most discriminatory cities in Colombia
- Platform is a place where people can express their voice
- E.g. Natalia - first-person story video
- Stories highlighting why Cartagena is a diverse place
 - Histories of Afro-descendants
 - LGBTQ stories
- Some time in March - a stable version of the platform
- The government is engaged in this moment
- Environmental Guardians - created a document in English describing environmental issues and variables - we have this document
- Want to have a meeting with IDRC in order to define how to join efforts to think about how to visualize these variables
- How to see these variables in a platform - e.g. areas of contamination, sources
- 22 stories in first part
- How to use the storytelling tool we are building
 - When will it be ready?
 - Early March (in 2 weeks) - have an initial version that we want to try out
- Q: How using stories and platform to create a culture of dialog and conflict resolution?
 - The main purpose of the platform is to create a space for people to express their diverse opinions
 - Montes de Maria - most affected region in Colombian conflict
 - Colombian guerrillas lived here for many years
 - One of most rich regions in Colombia, but people could not go there for last 60 years due to conflict
 - Silvia was here for the first time
 - Mountains, rivers, many resources
 - People from Montes de Maria have been invited into project - we have collected their stories - e.g. Palenque (?) African community that has survived in Colombia, maintained their culture for many years
 - Stories - how to embrace diversity as an opportunity, not as a problem
 - The most important thing is the feeling of the people - they want to express their voice
- Want to make the platform accessible -
- Have a video of an orchestra
- Could all partners send Silvia their logos to add to the site

Liam

- Effort to align deliverables across toolkit and media-making
- First iteration of toolkit - scope of youth services initiative - is complete
- Next - review the toolkit - bring in design thinking from the project
- How to split doc - outcome within that project, other more general, more relatable to SDG's
- Indigenous media-making project - our version was at the pilot stage - since then that project has expanded immensely
- How these processes and projects will inform each other
- Digital Inclusion summit - saw Alan there
 - How we weave together movements
 - Digital literacy and digital access

James

- Final stages - first draft of report tomorrow
- Outcomes of the report
 - Biggest drop out in 2ndary school - 50% of young people drop out because of language (change to English)
 - Inability of system to adjust to their needs - inaccessibility
 - Poverty
 - 100% of students end up in ? sector jobs - do not require high level of skills (bicitaxi, bus conductors, etc) - many are illegal in the city
 - 90% of young people have cell phones
 - Use of Whatsapp - 76% have used it, most to socialize, some for business
 - 41% use Facebook
 - 58% do not use social media at all
 - Many of them do not have smartphones
 - Many use their phones for a kind of banking -
 - Issues of managing their own business
 - None of the youth orgs have inclusive policies or tools

- Young people with trauma - from experience of genocide
- Need a lot of training, training materials, to guide organisations on how to be inclusive
- 35% are members of an organisation
 - Livelihood and how will I survive? Is priority, access to knowledge and skills
 - Savings and loans
- Just back from Malaysia - UN Habitat meeting <https://unhabitat.org/>
- Young indigenous people being given a platform, and within their caucus
- Young people in conflict, in occupied territories
- Limited tools and guidelines - having these all in "one-stop centre" in how to work with young people, young indigenous people
- There is an idea that youth are homogeneous - but need to recognize that they are diverse, their needs may be the same but how you engage them is different
- Building diverse youth participation frameworks
 - Guidelines
- Mechanisms to support the voices that don't exist
- One thing to have guidelines and platforms, but need to be accompanied by training, how to link with organisations that do work with youth, with indigenous youth.
- Douglas - head of youth unit of UN habitat Nairobi
- In line with SDG 11 - inclusive cities

Juliana

- Hector was in Fresno last week, local server is working very well
- Teachers are updating videos of stories of students
- Will have a link very soon to follow the process
- Travelling to Medellin this Friday to meet with organisers of festival -
- Using Whatsapp to communicate with the youth there - to send first version of the stories
- Working with other young women, became part of coordination group of the festival
- Could help to create a website, the storytelling tool could be behind the scenes of the festival- stories about how to build a festival about young women and tech, why it's important, in a city like Medellin, in a country like Colombia
- Festival about technology in a broad sense - not just digital tech, but - feminism as tech, etc - women, young people, tech, in a broad sense
- Trying to decide on a name for the project - The Planet is the School
 - taken from a poem by William Ospina from Fresno - The Wonderful Light
- JacqueresCool - they are the female part of that group and they are creating their own festival

Q: Can we review the contracts, look at deliverables and timing, to receive the next round of funding - what will this process look like?

Q: Young people in Cartagena need to feel that they are not alone - 28 April Jutta is coming to Cartagena (also an event in Medellin April 22-27) - with all the young people - Juliana will be there, would love to have Liam, James, Catalina, IDRC join an online connection? To present our work, talk together for a short time in the afternoon

Silvia will send an email with some details of what she would like to see

We can share our stories of the project

Next face 2 face meeting we can share these stories when we are together (October?)