



»Collective story harvesting« of Learning Village

*Short summary of the monthly meeting of Slovenian Association of Facilitators**
Monday, Sept 24, 2012

***THE SLOVENIAN ASSOCIATION OF FACILITATORS** The Slovenian Association of Facilitators was founded in 2002 with the aim of helping people, organizations and institutions and local, regional and national authorities to improve and increase their performance by means of introduction and use of facilitation methods in their everyday work.

The objective of the association is education, exchange of know-how and experience among its members, as well as performance and organisation of different kinds of trainings, and creating basis for raising their quality.

The Slovenian Association of Facilitators has on average 35 members yearly. The members meet on a monthly basis, in so called club meetings, which are primarily aimed at exchange of know-how and education among the members, but also at socializing. 13 of them participated in the Statenberg Learning Village this August in Slovenia.

The objective of the Monday 24th Event was to enable to the participants to experience the Collective story telling harvesting technique and give the chance to everyone to get insight into the happening of the Learning Village in August in Slovenia.

1. Storytelling

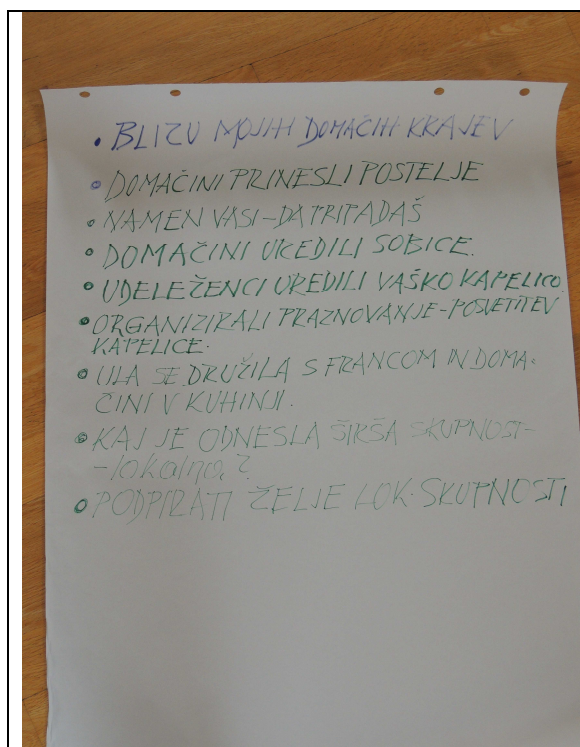
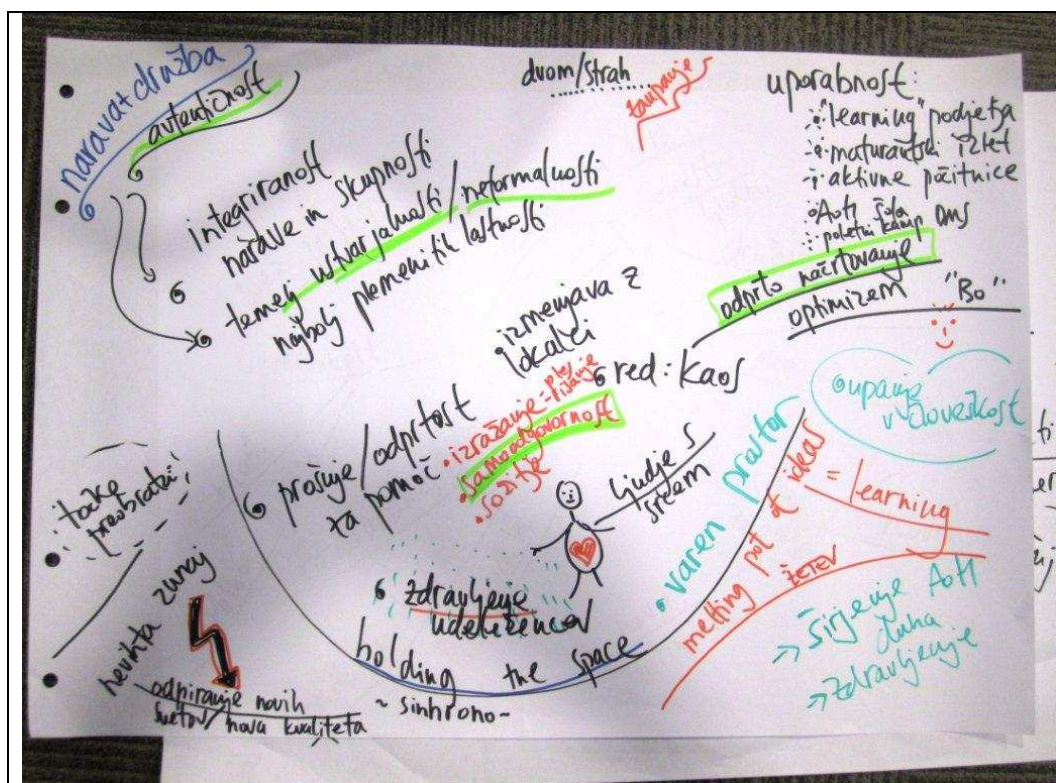
6 storytellers covered the following aspects of the event:

- learning village (LV): how it began
- »hosting ourselves/hosting others« attitude in the LV
- overall process design & personal experience of one particular open space session
- intergenerational aspect: children in the LV
- harvesting in the LV
- promotion of the LV within Slovenia



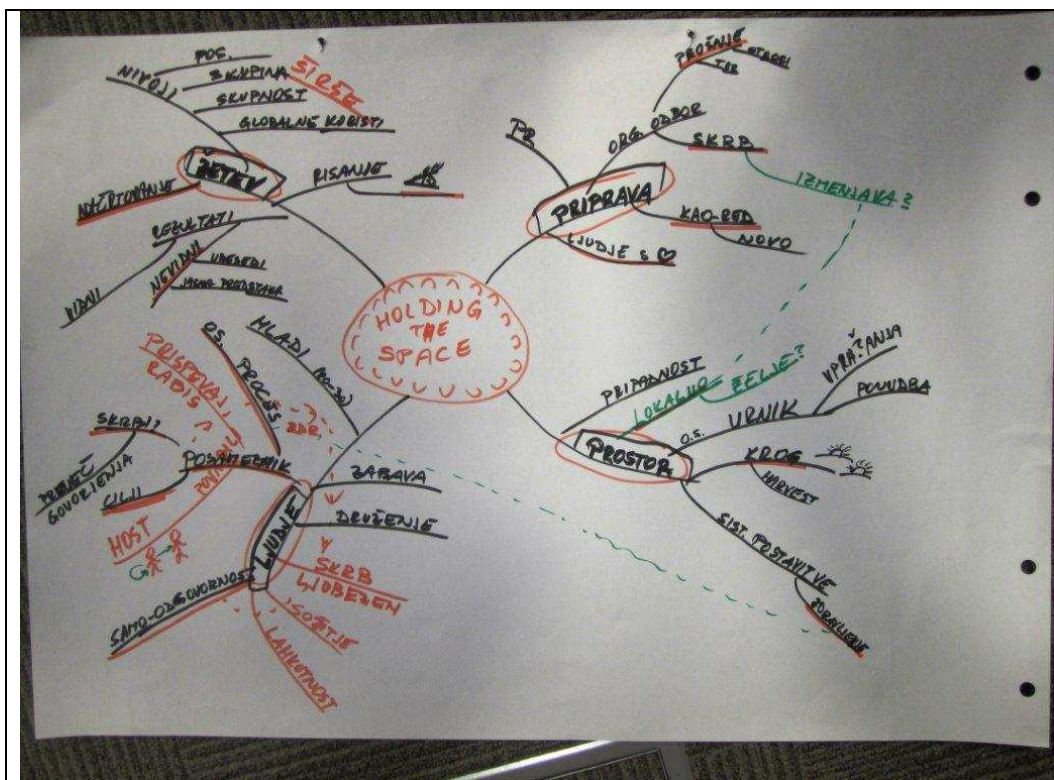
2. Harvesting arcs

Harvesting Arc: Integrity of Nature and Community



- strong link between the local community and the LV community
- the purpose of the village is to belong
- children: the more you trust their own process & T learning, the better it is for the whole community (Ula made contacts with the kitchen staff, teenagers not speaking her language, and had great time)
- the event was valuable for the local community; in any potential further plans, the local community's ideas and wishes will be central
- not much talk about nature in the stories – yet photos show an appreciation and link with nature
- integrity with nature is fundamental to realising full potential of community and environment

Harvesting Arc: Holding the space



1. preparation:

- heart-based work
- chaordic principle and process of preparing the LV
- care for each other within the hosting/logistics team

2. people:

- self-responsibility (ask for what you need, offer what you can)
- love, care, lightness, ...
- trust as the basis for the process
- exchange: between individuals and communities, adults and children
- personal processes/transformations
- a lot of self-expression (through arts,)
- socializing, fun
- processes of healing took place on several levels (individual to local to regional to maybe global)

3. space

- circle way
- purpose of the village is to belong
- planning with openness for change
- ask for what you need, offer what you can attitude

- on different levels (personal, local/community, global)
- through visualizing the big wall posters
- important to be aware of tangible AND intangible results of hosted events

Inovativnost, unikatnost, voditeljstvo

- Zahodisce**
 - Samoiniciativnost
 - pomajna pomoč
 - skrb
 - srčnost
 - guberen ziva
 - poslah samim sebi skrb zase
- KAKO?**
 - nema med funkcijam in redom
 - Bo!
 - stopnjevanje efekta (močno, skupaj, zbiranje, skupaj)
 - pomori "sebe" (harvesting)
 - načrtovanje kaj hočem v naslednjem letu
 - priljubljen, kar lahko gostje, iz kaj radijs
 - odprtega (vidna) output (možna)
- KAKO?**
 - domačim odlično gostiteljstvo
 - pomadi, kar lahko grafičarje
 - pripravljen
 - pristno izražanje
 - Samoizglednost
 - pripadanje
 - ples
 - skupni grobo učena
 - iskanje kreativnosti
 - improvizacija
 - risanje vsakega procesa
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- hosting myself—others
- loving care for others
- heart-based relations
- self-responsibility
- children can be our teachers

- balance between chaos (openness for something new) and order (effective activity)
- no programme in advance
- optimism

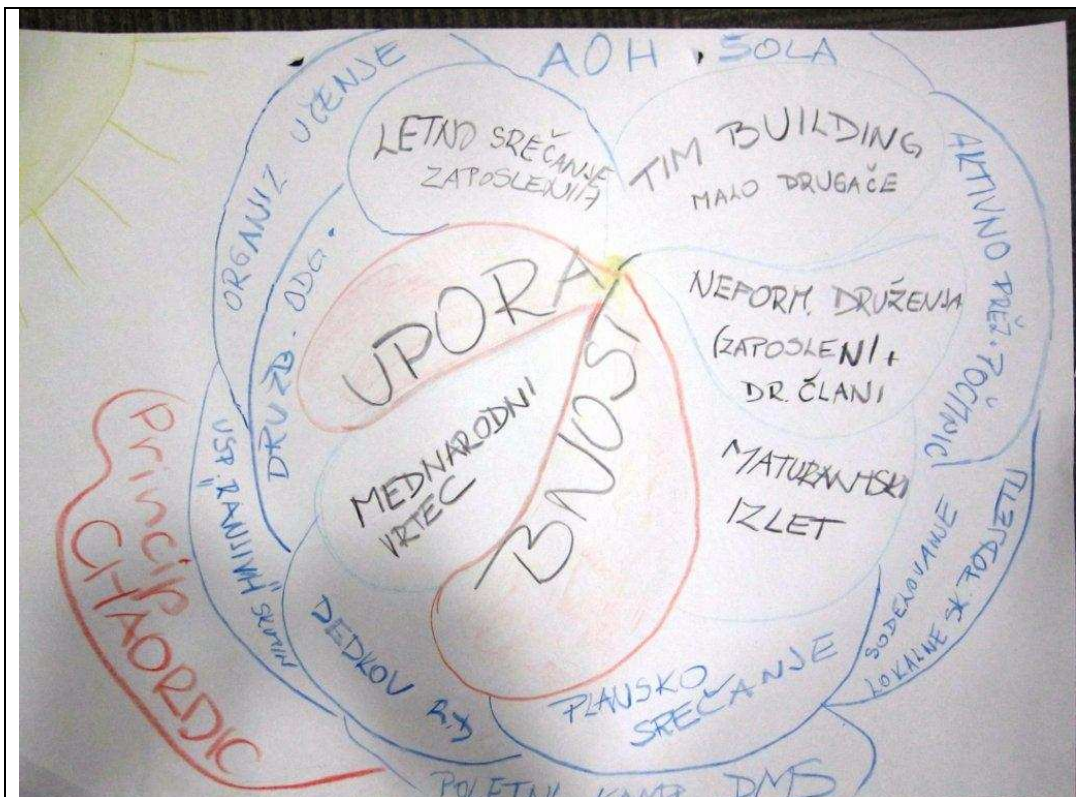
- people learn together
- openness—authenticity
- improvisation
- mix with locals

- leading without a leader, self-organization
- simple, allowing attitude: host yourself—host others
- ask for what you need and offer what you can



- harmonious flow

Harvesting Arc: **Application (what could the place also be)**



- learning companies (team building)
- organizational learning
- informal annual meetings of employees and their families
- co-operation of local community and companies
- AoH school
- summer camp of Slovenian Assoc of Facilitators
- active holidays
- international kindergarten
- school trips at the end of the school year
- celebration of grandfather's birthday

Harvesting Arc: **Turning points**

- initial doubt about suitability of location turned into shared decision to do go on, care within hosting team & trust
- decision to clean up the chapel
- moderator – facilitator (its about the time we change the world of our profession into facilitation)

Harvesting Arc: **Magic and Synchronicity**

- soon after the invitation, dozens of people committed to coming (without knowing details)
- we can see how the telling of the story invigorates the storytellers
- Franc's wish came true: the manor would host conversations that really matter
- autumn – harvesting time, synchronicity of event



- during Ljubljana meeting, storm outside started when speaking about nature context

