

Participant 7 - River of experience

1998-2002 – Studied at teacher’s college. Took my first professional steps. Like a paper ship, I was rocked by the waves of attempting, searching for, and mastering group work methods.

2002-2005 - University studies. Teaching in a school. Financial restrictions forced me to search for additional sources of funding - teaching in an evening private school. In the summer - education of children in rural recreation camps. Tight schedule, studies, no days off or holidays...as a result - health problems.

2000-2008 - Gained practical experience working with children from 4 to 16 years old - working in health and sports camps. The opportunity to work with the best creative colleagues.

2014 - military conflict in Donbas...

Life became divided into before and after...

Explosions, shelling, evacuation, hiding in a bomb shelter and training, all went on concurrently. Fear, despair, anxiety, not only for our own lives, but also for 25 little citizens of the Motherland.

2015-2018 - Hundreds of attempts and applications submitted (for training, projects, creative laboratories) and constant rejections. Lack of practical experience. It seemed that it was time to lower my wings...but no!!!

2018 - School of Empathy, Kyiv.

Island of safety and recovery of internal resources. Knowing oneself, searching and recognizing one's own feelings and needs, the feelings of others.

2018 - My first EdCamp Ukraine (un)conference in the capital city. Three years of hard work and informal education paid off.

2019-2021 - Non-formal education. Participation in projects, competitions, scholarly activity, cooperation with teachers from all over Ukraine.

Development of own methods. Exchange of experience.

2021 - My most cherished dream came true - a grant for studying abroad from the House of Europe - ‘Inclusive education’.

Obstacles once more...COVID 19. Training needed to continue in Ukraine.

2021 - Nomination by students to participate in the Global Teacher Prize Ukraine national award - finalist in the nomination ‘Teacher of the Front-line Zone’.

Річка досвіду

