



Improvisation theatre and storytelling for scientists: At home outside the comfort zone

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So you think improvisation theatre has nothing to do with the serious business of science? Think again! Learning basic improvisation skills can profoundly transform scientific performance. Between us we have over 60 years of experience in science or improv and we want to share that with you! (For a recent news item click [here](#)).

Live performance skills are essential for success. How you perform live in discussions, presentations, questions and answers at conferences, collaborations, teaching, job interviews and grant evaluations, has a direct impact on your career, your reputation, and whether your work gets recognised and funded.

Combine spontaneity and precision! We will apply improvisation and storytelling skills to presenting your own science to any audience, whether that is your thesis committee, your peers, or non-scientists. Have you ever wondered why scientific talks can be so boring and hard to understand? Do you ever feel you could enjoy giving presentations more than you do? In this workshop you will learn to share your message with any audience, without compromising on precision. And to love doing it.

Here is an example of the content for this course, in a one - day format (9.00 - 12.00; 13.00 - 16.00). Longer and shorter versions of this course are possible, and the content can be adapted to your requirements (e.g., it is ideal for a PhD or group leader retreat and can be adapted to the career level of your group). If you have questions, please contact us at leonie@science-kitchen.net

Session 1 Basic Improvisation skills and storytelling (Thomas Chemnitz)

- Through games and exercises, we will learn the basics of improv: “yes, and”, mistakes are welcome, be present, stay focused.
- We will learn about story structure, what does a good story need? We will experiment with inventing stories.

Session 2 Storytelling in science (Leonie Ringrose)

- We will learn how to apply storytelling in science. How can a science presentation become as compelling as a good fireside story, without compromising on precision?
- Apply today's ideas to your own projects. Without slides, you will experiment with different ways to get your message across to different audiences.

Session 3 Mini science slam (Leonie and Thomas, all participants)

- A symposium like you have never seen before...