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Tattle like a grown-up



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A range of weekend workshops aims at fulfilling professional needs

What do a teacher, a counsellor and an employee in any corporate setup have in common? Their success revolves around effective, evocative communication. While team leaders and HR professionals might need to keep it sharp, they also need to keep people motivated. Teachers are in charge of moulding young minds in their formative years, helping them make sense of the world and all its dichotomies. Psychological counsellors, on the other hand, need to evoke a response from their patients, fostering enough trust to encourage their clients to open up about personal issues.

Take your pick

Nomatter what your walk of life, articulation is key. Keeping this in mind, The World Storytelling Institute has targeted this year's edition of their festival at adults. "Storytelling performances are not just for children! And training in the various applications of storytelling is most definitely not just for children," stresses Eric Miller, director of the institute, over email.

Miller and his team have, hence, brought in a range of professional storytellers from across the country, not just to regale audiences of all ages, but also to train parents, counsellors, teachers and other professionals in the art of storytelling.

Spread over two days, a range of workshops are on offer this weekend at Loyola College, Nungambakkam. Each has a different aim, from helping participants develop leadership skills, to make them get more in tune with their emotions, and help them discuss details more articulately.

"There are approximately 30 trainers ready to conduct workshops this Saturday and Sunday," informs Miller. Each is open for a maximum of 20 participants. Storytelling as a teaching strategy, for healing and therapy and Kathabhava, ie mood-based storytelling combining emotions and rhythm, are just a few of the workshops in store. Mind-mapping and pitching ideas through storytelling will also be covered.

To choose the workshop best suited to your needs and register, log on to <https://www.eventjini.com/chennaistorytellingfestival>. The workshops will be held on February 10 and 11 from 10 am onwards, at Loyola College, Nungambakkam.

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