



Changemakers stories 20 min

ACTION PLANNING FOR FORB

STORYTELLING

BUZZ GROUP EXERCISE

About the exercise

TARGET AUDIENCE

Best suited to grassroots-level groups/faith communities, civil society organisations, human rights defenders and faith leaders.

PURPOSE

To provide inspiration from the change-making actions taken by others.

DESCRIPTION

Three changemakers' stories are read out in plenary and then discussed in buzz groups.



Instructions

RESOURCES

- Local Changemakers Course Session 6 [PowerPoint](#), slides 3-10.
- [Changemakers stories](#).
- Projector and screen.

Find the PowerPoint and stories at www.forb-learning.org/exercises/changemakers-stories.

This exercise and the accompanying stories and PowerPoint are available in multiple languages as part of the course materials for Session 6 of the Local Changemakers Course, (find the exercise stories in the facilitators guide). www.forb-learning.org/changemakers-languages.

HOW TO INTRODUCE THE EXERCISE 1 MIN

Explain that before the group takes a closer look at action planning, they are going to start by listening to three stories of people who are making change for freedom of religion or belief in their communities.

HOW TO RUN THE EXERCISE 17 MIN

Read out the three changemaker stories, using the accompanying PowerPoint slides.

Ask participants to get into threes with people sitting next to them and discuss the following questions:

- Which story spoke to or inspired you most and why?
- Can you think of inspiring stories of changemakers from your context?

HOW TO CONCLUDE THE EXERCISE 2 MIN

Conclude by saying that even if the situations in the stories might be very different to ours, and even if the actions people took aren't things that would be relevant for us to do, hopefully these creative and brave changemakers can inspire us to believe that change is possible and worth struggling for. To believe that everyone can do something, however small, to make a difference.

Source

Local Changemakers Course, FORB Learning Platform, www.forb-learning.org/changemakers

TIP! Use the three stories given, come up with your own, or choose from the wider selection available [here](#).