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Supporting dignity: Deconstructing and Reconstructing People's Stories

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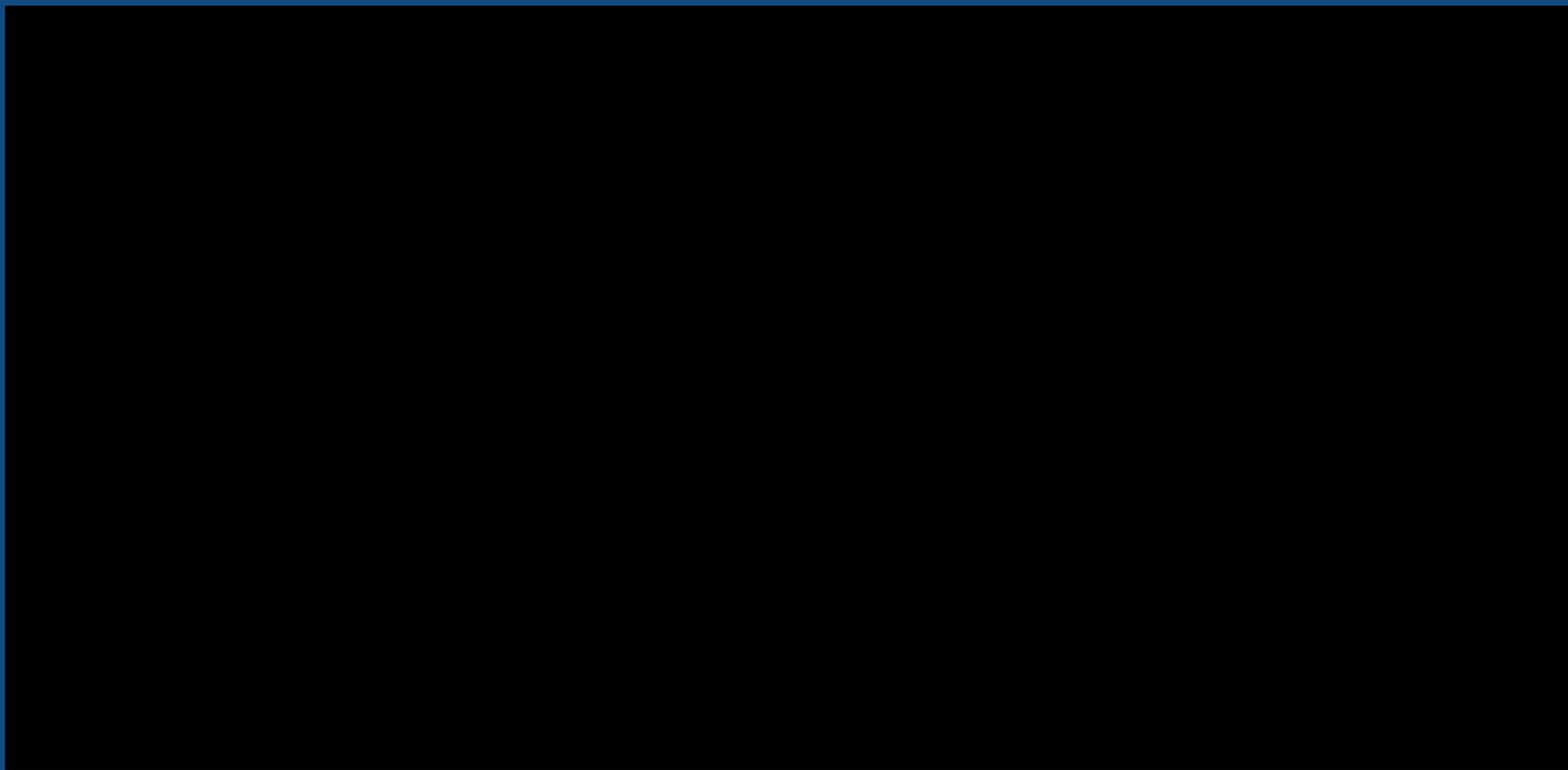
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Some themes of narrative practice

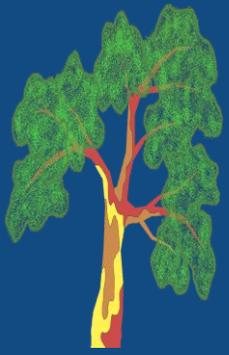
Stories shape our lives

Naming the politics: injustices ...

Relationships with 'Externalisation'

Alternative Storylines Alternative identities

Agency: Resistance, perseverance, skills and knowledge



THE EXPERIENCE

ANGER

DESPERATION

HANGING
OUT

LONLEY

VIOLENCE

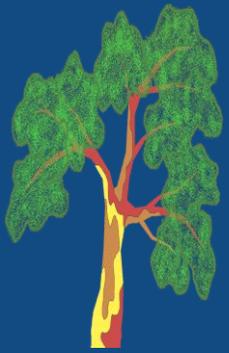
RACISM

NEGATIVITY

NO
MONEY

STRESS

FEELING
TRAPPED



WHAT IS OF VALUE

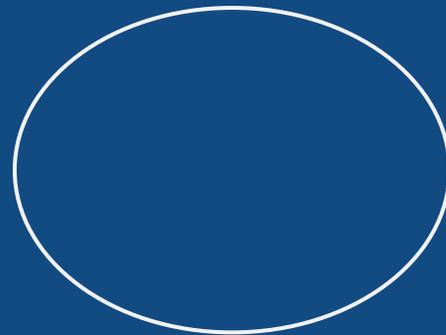
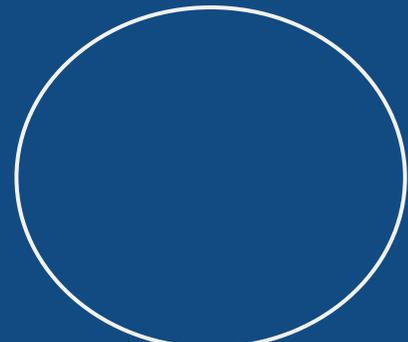
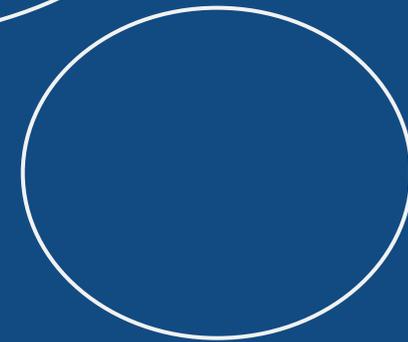
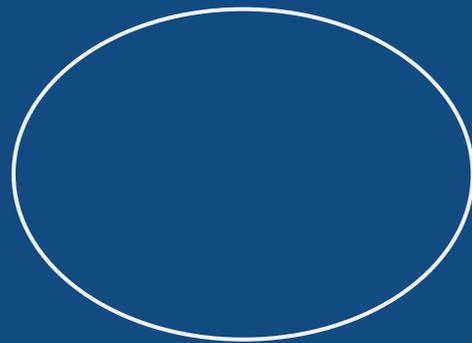
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FRIENDS

COMMUNITY

LOYALTY

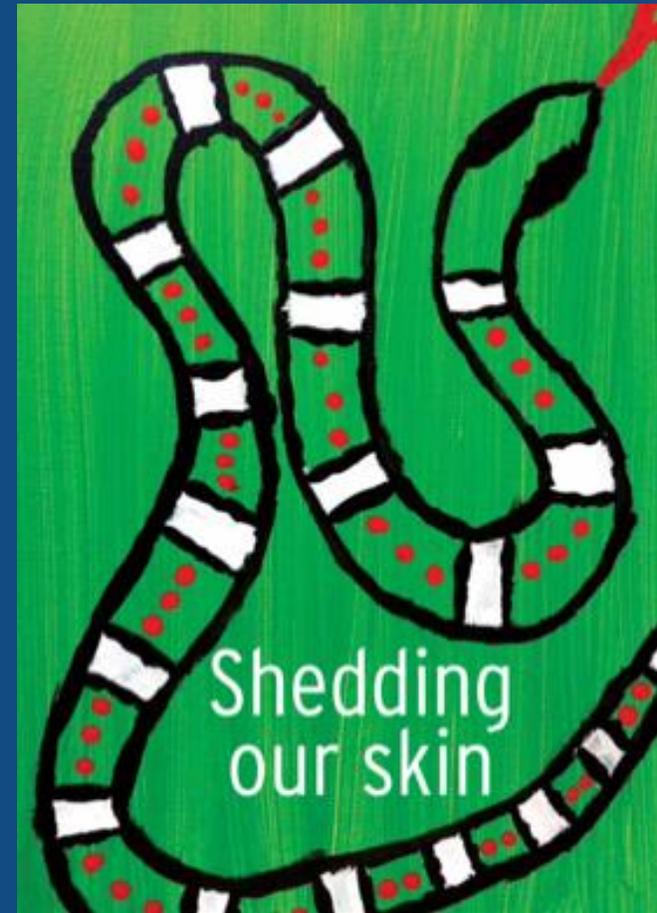
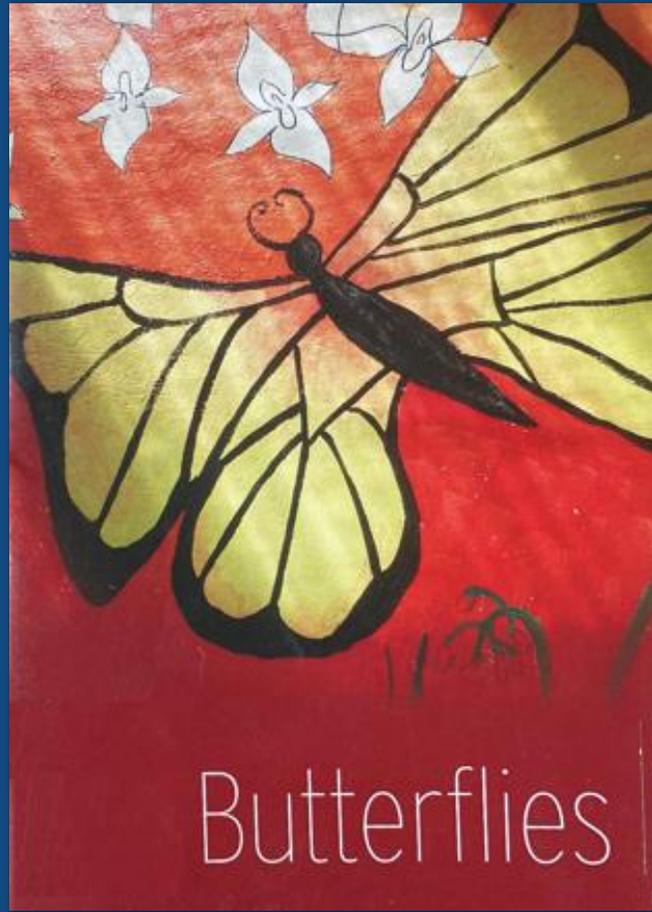
MONEY



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*Collective
Documents*



Metaphors



Crossing the River

A metaphor for preferred ways of being



The known & familiar

'Betwixt and Between'

The unknown and unfamiliar

..... Separation

Liminal

.....

Re-incorporation

*Communities of
Acknowledgement*



Video



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*Respectful
Practice
Workbook*



Respectful practice

A workbook for AoD, community services, social workers and psychologists.

Prepared on the lands of the Boon Wurrung, Wurundjeri and Kulin Nations

Table 1 A framework of relational theory

Concept	Theme	Influences include: (references)
Experience	Experience as fact	Culture and experience: Facts of experience
Identity	Identity as dependent on the cultural and social setting	Culture and identity
	Identity as disparate and multi-faceted	Identity as an “ensemble of social relations Remembering multi-voiced identity, through social performance
	Identity as subject to continual change	Self as performance: Rites of Passage
Knowledge	Knowledge as relational	Relational epistemologies Knowledge as a social construct
	Knowledge and power	Knowledge and power

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