

Comments from participants at the ERN Conference in Dublin

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“Frankly, I’m overwhelmed. I’ve learned so much here and been exposed to all the creative work that some of you have been doing for years. I feel us Danes, well for us a lot of this is new and we have a long way to go. French film was superb. It’s spurred me on to take forward our ambitious theatre project – it’s so huge, can we do it? Will it make a difference? And I can see here that artistic creativity and endeavours do work. This has given me renewed enthusiasm.”

Peter Rafn Dahm, Denmark

“It’s made me want to think a lot deeper about the use of theatre and reminiscence. After today, it’s made me think that theatre isn’t just for professional actors – I will broaden my project beyond RYCT. And it’s made me want to make a reminiscence memory book for my husband as I feel he may be going into dementia – though he is only 60.”

Patricia Lee from Singapore

“Two epiphanies for me – everything here is based on Validation – it’s all merged. And secondly, I’m surrounded by exquisite listeners and with a group like this I benefit. I’ve never felt so listened to.”

Sue from New York

“I’m buzzing. I’m so excited and full of different ideas of what I can do when I get back to work. I went to a conference last week which was mainly academics speaking – it was nothing like this. This is really good practice and it’s giving me so much more to think about.”

Lisa from UK