



Prabir Bose

facilitating participatory communication processes @ vikalp kriya

Prabir draws on his experience of cultural activism to challenge dominant narratives and facilitates processes that provoke a rethink on development. Together with Anju, he explores the scope and possibilities of participatory theatre for cultural action.

A college dropout, Prabir started working from an early age to support his family. He cherishes the enriching journey of having worked in a government factory, a nationalized bank and in mainstream journalism before being the founder and managing trustee of Media Matters, a not-for-profit trust working in the area of development communication and community development.

At present Prabir is practicing to perfect his sourdough skills.

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Summary of Skills

Facilitation	Beyond knowledge and skills, facilitating participatory processes calls for an attitude that respects people and trusts processes. With this belief, I bring my experience of working with groups and communities using a wide range of participatory tools and methods in workshops, TOTs, community processes and research.
Design & Development	Away from a top-down approach, I strive to design and develop communication and facilitation resources that provoke a rethink and encourage dialogue to enable collective analysis and action.
Participatory Theatre	With a passion for exploring the scope and possibilities of participatory theatre, I have been engaging with groups and communities to enable them to “act” and challenge the all-pervading culture of silence. Besides being a guest faculty for TISS Mumbai for more than 20 years and IIM Ahmedabad for the last eight years, I have been facilitating annual national-level workshops for theatre activists and development actors for many years now.
Films	To me, films help capture voices that are unheard and bring out issues of concern. Having directed, shot, edited and produced several short videos, I explore different narrative structures to make issues visible and relevant. At present I am working on an independent documentary on the state of schooling in India.
Process Documentation	Documenting processes is a learning opportunity – revisiting programme objectives, understanding the strategies employed, analyzing the field-level interventions, drawing out the key learning, achievements and challenges, and chalking out the way forward. I use text, photo and video to record insights provided by different actors involved in the process.
Computer	Conversant with macOS, Ubuntu (Linux) and Microsoft Windows. Proficient in iWork Suite, Google Suite, LibreOffice, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite and Final Cut Pro.
Language	Native/Bilingual proficiency in English, Hindi, Marathi and Bangla.

Work Experience

2013 – till date	Co-Founder; Vikalp Kriya an initiative to focus on exploring sustainable alternatives and practicing cultural expression and action www.vikalpkriya.in
1998 – 2013	Managing Trustee; Media Matters a non-profit trust working in the area of social development and development communication
1995 – 1996	Executive Editor; AIDS ASIA a bi-monthly journal on HIV/AIDS published by the Indian Health Organisation
1992 – 1998	Director; Grassroots Communication a social communication initiative
1991 – 1992	Editorial Coordinator; Links News Agency coordinated the syndication service – sourcing and writing articles on politics, business, sports and entertainment. Contributed features to Riyadh Daily
1990 – 1991	Managing Editor; Asian Photography A monthly magazine on the art and technique of photography
1989 - 1990	Programme Media Coordinator; Nirman A construction workers' project of College of Social Work, Mumbai
1988 - 1989	Reporter; Free Press Bulletin
1988	Reporter; Indian Post
1987 - 1988	Reporter; Free Press Journal wrote a weekly column "Around the Campus" on the education scene in Mumbai City
1984 - 1987	Clerk; Central Bank of India, Mumbai
1979 - 1984	Messenger Boy (later promoted to Clerk-cum-Typist) Machine Tool Prototype Factory (Ordnance), Ambernath

Academic Qualification

1981 HSC (Commerce); Pune Board

1979 SSC; Pune Board

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