Relationships between Universities and Communities: The Cátedra Paulo Freire at the University of Seville

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Approaches to knowledge

- Main tendencies: dissemination and impact of scholarly, academic, scientific or expert knowledge (Hall 2011). Universities teach communities
- The collective building of knowledge: Dialogue; Participatory Research (Freire, Fals Borda, Toulmin). Co-crate knowledge as shared task.
The partners (I). The Paulo Freire Institute of Spain

- Was born in 2002. www.institutpaulofreire.org
- A Civil Society Organization. It is a mixture of groups, associations, trade unions, individuals, etc.
- The Institute is working on:
  - Rhizome Freirean on line journal www.rizoma-freireano.org
  - Paulo Freire Library
  - Cooperation with Literacy Campaign in Nicaragua
  - A summer school
  - Teacher’s training, conferences, seminars and so on
The partners (II) University of Seville

- The second largest University in Spain (around 60,000 students and 3,500 staff)
- More than 500 years of history.
- A campus spread around the city
- Studies on Technologies, Humanities, Social Sciences, Engineering, etc…
The Cátedra Paulo Freire at the University of Seville

- It was created in 2008 (After four years waiting).
- The major proposal was from the Paulo Freire Institute.
- It is the first in Europe
- Publications (Two books and a teaching material on literacy)
- Activities (keynotes, courses, etc)
Dialogue: How did I read Paulo Freire?

- A collective keynote in four steps:
  1. An individual gives her/his personal view
  2. Other people connect the book with the real situation in each specific place
  3. Everybody in the room say their word
  4. People in the table respond the questions that arise in the dialogue process.

5. Theatre?
Participatory Research: Edifying knowledge

- Working with CSOs
- People edify and disseminate their own knowledge from their fights, their experiences, etc
The book presentation
Activities

- Working with Social movements:
  - Workshop on History
  - Workshop on Theatre

- Cooperation in Literacy Campaign in Nicaragua

- Website [http://catedrapaulofreire.us.es](http://catedrapaulofreire.us.es)

- Teaching materials
Using singular spaces
Literacy Campaign in Nicaragua