
Liquid ideas, solid communities

third space writing and the construction of
professional selves

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Third space as a liquid space

- ★ Identity emerges through social interactions
- ★ It is dynamic and multifaceted
- ★ We have diverse possibilities for self-representation



Writing in Third Space

- ★ Writing serves to connect third space and professional roles
- ★ Writing integrates our self-perception with our professional communities

→ **writing stabilises identity**



Identity metaphors

Choose a Lego minifigure that resonates with your professional identity:

- Roles
- Goals
- Experience
- Areas of expertise
- Relationships
- Tensions

10 minutes



Professional self-portraits

With a partner:

- **Write a paragraph** about your professional identity (5 mins)
- **Exchange** with your partner (5 mins)
- **Ask** questions and make observations! (5 mins)

Reflect: how might this have challenged your self-perception?

15 minutes

Community manifesto

CONSIDER:
INTENTIONS
AUDIENCE
CORE VALUES
CALL TO ACTION



Write **2-3 principles** for
supporting identity
development in Third
Space



How can it serve
as a post-
conference
resource?

20 minutes

Thank you!

We'd love to keep this conversation going!

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