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***Memory-Work: Researching the Historical Adaptations and Adjustments, Derivations and Developments in Memory-Work as Method and Methodology and its Potential as a Method in Lifelong Learning Processes***

This project started in June 2018 and focused on the adaptations, adjustments, derivations and developments of Collective Memory-Work (CMW, and its potential as a method in lifelong learning processes.

CMW was developed by Frigga Haug and the group Frauenformen at the intersection of academic research, feminist and Marxist theory, and political practice. From the outset it was intended to be an emancipatory method with a consciously open form. Over three decades the method was successfully used in academic research in a variety of fields, thereby undergoing adaptations and adjustments according to the purposes of the applications, institutional frameworks, organisational necessities, and methodological considerations. Despite its roots in a social and political movement, the use of CMW internationally is largely confined to academic settings.

One aim of this study is to make CMW more accessible to non-academic lifelong learning environments. For this purpose, the research scrutinises various applications of CMW, in dialogue with some of the founders and leading practitioners of CMW. A strong focus will also be on the learning experiences of participants in CMW groups. Selected adaptations of the method will be practically applied and learning experiences of participants documented and evaluated.

An important aspect of the research is the organisation of expansive knowledge exchange on CMW across geographical and disciplinary boundaries. In the course of the study, networks of researchers and practitioners using CMW have been established in Austria and in the Nordic Countries. In August 2020, an International Symposium will be held in Maynooth to provide a forum for intense discussions about the various topics derived from experiences with applications and adaptations of CMW.