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My Most Significant Change Story involves me and the difference Learning to Learn has made to my classroom practices and the role I see myself having at school.

I have rediscovered the joy of 'learning' new things and now experience the sense of empowerment that has given me. Never before have I felt so confident about listening into, thinking about, and contributing to the professional dialogue that I can be a part of at school.

Among other important things, I have learnt what it is to practice neoteny in a very practical sense. I think this has occurred because I have been reminded that I am the learner too... and I am having fun!

As a student at school I had to work very hard to achieve the grades I was awarded. I did not participate heavily in sports either as my self-esteem was not high and I lived in my older sister's shadow. But now, I have the opportunities to be the best teacher/student I can be. With the help of people like Bloom, Gardner, I am taking risks in my classroom to try new things to make learning at school more meaningful and enjoyable for my students and myself

Thanks to Mary Anne Fenwick I have access to some amazing literature and Training and Development that has totally motivated me to think about how I can change my practices to reach all students. Yes I too have become very conscious of my thinking and the way I have preferred to learn and do things in the past.

This change is very significant because through the reflections done by my students, their group and whole class discussions and their work produced, I see myself and what I am experiencing in them!

It is also significant because my colleagues are becoming inquisitive about why and how I am having 'so much fun,' and they too are asking questions and starting to change their approach to things bit by bit. Knowledge is there to be shared, and with the big push on collaborative learning I see this happening amongst staff as well.

This story of mine is significant because if I can assist other teachers/ learners to feel as I do right now then there will only be great things happening in our schools/lives.

'A school should not be a preparation for life. A school should be life.' Elbert Hubbard

I don't want to miss out on being involved in this change that will bring many students back who have been missing out.