

YOUTH FUTURES VIETNAM E-NEWSLETTER

UPDATES, CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

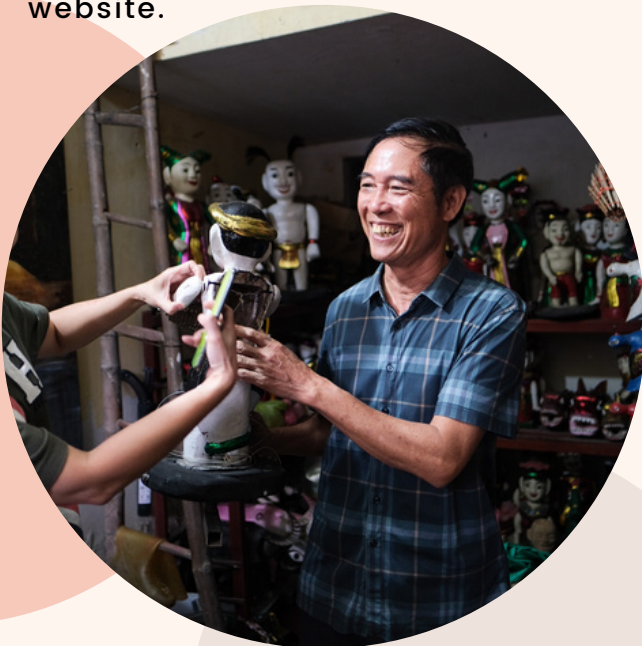
FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2022

IN THE FIELD WITH YOUTH

In late October, our researchers met up with the youth in their hometowns, to explore the data they had collected. Together, we got to grips with different communication methods, drawing heavily on storytelling techniques. We presented methods used by the YAB too, which proved to be very inspirational - huge thanks to those who supported this.

The youth are now busy finalising their stories, all of which come in a unique and powerful format: audio, photography, film, drawing, storybooks, comic strips, flip books ... all kinds of wonderful things.

These will be presented at a Final Showcase event on 14th Dec 2022, in Hanoi; and will be hosted online via a StoryMap on the project website.



PUPPET PARADISE

As keen followers of this project will know, we are working closely with the Institute of Cultural Studiws in Vietnam to produce a contemporary water puppetry piece, that explores some of the climate challenges and adaptation practices identified in this project. On our last fieldwork visit, we had the pleasure of meeting some of the artists that will be creating these magnificent puppets for the performance. We cannot wait to see the final production of such a traditional art form, tackling contemporary issues!

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK: OUR FANTASTIC RESEARCHER NGUYEN THI QUYNH ANH HAS SUBMITTED HER PHD

Anh reflected on her journey as a PhD Student. She said "In Vietnam, there is a legend that compares studying/doing a PhD with the 81 accidents of Sun Wukong (the mythical Chinese character) going to get sutras. This is not wrong, but I want to look at the positive side. For me, the 4-year PhD path is a series of changes in thoughts, perceptions and emotions. I chose the major that wasn't close to what I had background in undergraduate and master's, but in a direction that I thought made sense.

I chose my mentor by chance through the recommendation of a former teacher. Until now, I still don't understand why my mentor, who didn't know much about me before, accepted me as his student.

Everything happens to be interesting. I was from a person who didn't like to study, now I'm eager to explore. I used to sleep in extra minutes every morning when I got up to go to work, becoming a person who didn't need an alarm to wake up on time. I used to find myself without a carefree smile for a long time, now I smile all day with my Labmate.

Of course, the path of a PhD student is still full of ups and downs, but I still love the path I've chosen."

Congratulations on this major milestone, Anh. We hope your future research journey brings you just as much joy and satisfaction.

GOT SOMETHING TO SHARE YOURSELF?

Any recent successes you'd like to share with the wider team, challenges you want to discuss, projects you want to communicate, opportunities you think might be of interest to other recipients? Let us know at f.e.halstead@hull.ac.uk and we will include it in a future e-newsletter!

