

WP3 Role Modelling Workshop

Feedback Report

Event: Role Modelling Workshop

Location: VIVA Lab Porto, Portugal

Date: 27 October 2025

Project: FabConnectHer – MentHer: Mentoring for Future Female Innovators

Introduction

As part of Work Package 3 (WP3), we organised a Role Modelling Workshop at VIVA Lab Porto on 27 October 2025. The event aimed to inspire girls and young women by showcasing female role models in STEAM fields, sharing personal career journeys, and encouraging participants to explore opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

A total of **14 participants attended the workshop**, and **8 participants completed the evaluation questionnaire**, representing a response rate of 57%.

Overall Satisfaction

The feedback received was highly positive. Participants rated the value of the event on a scale from 1 to 5, resulting in an **average score of 4.4 out of 5**. This indicates a high level of satisfaction and demonstrates that participants considered the workshop relevant and beneficial.

Participants also reported a strong likelihood of applying what they learned in their studies, careers, or future mentoring activities, with an **average score of 4.6 out of 5**.

Most Valuable Aspects of the Workshop

When asked about the most valuable part of the event, participants highlighted:

- Listening to the experiences and personal stories of women working or studying in STEAM fields;
- The opportunity to hear authentic testimonies and career journeys;
- The exchange of ideas and discussions around learning and personal development;
- Inspirational content, including presentations and videos featuring female role models;
- The sharing of experiences between speakers and participants.

Several respondents specifically mentioned that hearing about the challenges, persistence, and achievements of women in different STEAM careers was particularly motivating.

Impact on Perceptions of Women in STEAM

One of the main objectives of the workshop was to strengthen participants' confidence in women's ability to succeed in STEAM fields.

The results show that:

- **62.5% (5 participants)** reported feeling more confident that women can succeed in STEAM after attending the workshop;
- **25% (2 participants)** stated that they gained new perspectives, although they still had some questions or uncertainties;
- **12.5% (1 participant)** reported that their perception remained unchanged.

These findings suggest that the workshop successfully contributed to increasing awareness and confidence regarding women's participation and success in STEAM disciplines.

Key Learnings and Inspiration

Participants reported several important takeaways from the event, including:

- The importance of following personal interests and passions regardless of stereotypes;
- The value of perseverance and resilience in achieving professional goals;
- Increased motivation to pursue STEAM-related studies and careers;

- Inspiration to engage more actively with technology, digital fabrication, and innovation;
- Recognition of the importance of sharing experiences and supporting other women in STEAM.

Several participants highlighted how the stories presented helped them better understand the diverse opportunities available within STEAM fields.

Suggestions for Improvement

Although feedback was overwhelmingly positive, participants suggested several ways to enhance future workshops:

- Improve promotion and visibility of the event to attract a larger audience;
- Provide a clearer introduction and contextualisation of the project at the beginning of the session;
- Include more speakers from a wider range of STEAM disciplines;
- Schedule events earlier in the day to improve accessibility;
- Continue offering opportunities for direct interaction with role models. A number of

respondents indicated that no significant improvements were necessary.

Future Engagement

The workshop also generated interest in continued involvement with the FabConnectHer project. Participants expressed interest in:

- Becoming mentors or mentees;
 - Receiving project updates and information about future activities; ●
- Participating in future workshops, networking opportunities, and mentoring initiatives.

This demonstrates the workshop's potential to contribute to the creation of a sustainable community of future female innovators and STEAM advocates.

Conclusion

The Role Modelling Workshop held at VIVA Lab Porto successfully achieved its objectives of inspiring and empowering young women through exposure to positive female role models in STEAM. Despite receiving evaluation responses from only 8 of the 14 participants, the feedback indicates a strong level of satisfaction, increased confidence in women's success in STEAM, and a willingness to remain engaged with the project.

The event reinforced the importance of role models, mentorship, and personal storytelling in encouraging greater female participation in STEAM education, careers, and entrepreneurship.

The report is based on the 8 evaluation responses collected from participants following the workshop.

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
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