



Storysharing® Newsletter

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Storysharing® Latest

New Ideas....

About PMLD. Feelings and Stories - with Mark Solms, Neuroscientist

Professor Mark Solms' theory of consciousness promises to revolutionise our ideas about the relationship between emotional and rational (cortical) consciousness. He argues that people with profound intellectual disabilities are emotionally conscious and that this kind of "thinking" is not subordinate to, but is of equal importance to cortical consciousness. He is clear about the importance of embodied memory and the way we story our experiences. In our upcoming webinar run with PAMIS (<https://pamis.org.uk>) we will be debating how we can translate his ideas into practice. Book here to reserve a place and access the recording if you can't attend in person <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/276604500507>



Two speech and language therapists discuss his work in a 5 minute talk here.: [Interview with Nicola and Charlotte](#). *The Hidden Spring* is available on Kindle for only £4.74: [Kindle: The Hidden Spring](#). And listen to Mark talking about his life, work and music, here... <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0010nwy>

“Storysharing is proving to be a fun and effective way of getting to know each other, participants with different communication skills working together in a meaningful way” says Luke Ottridge from One Trust

Storysharing® Training is available **ONLINE** at <https://storysharing.thinkific.com>

Introductory courses are FREE.

visit www.storysharing.org.uk to find out everything you need to know about ideas and resources, training, research

New Licensed Tutor

Congratulations to Lucy Cook who has completed the licensed tutor course - submitting a really impressive portfolio to demonstrate how she leads training and implementation in her school. Lucy will be co-teaching a Creative Education webinar on gaining a voice through story with pupils who have profound learning difficulties. <https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk>

New Project

People coming together as advocates to support each other to tell their stories. It's been a roller coaster on Zoom! with verbal and nonverbal communicators from One Trust & Generate. Watch out for an article in *Community Living* this summer

New Webinar

Emotional Regulation

3/5/22 Online with NAC

All monies raised will go to support people with intellectual disabilities, their families and supporters in Ukraine

This workshop may be particularly helpful when thinking about people who suffer from anxiety, distress, depression, low mood or who appear withdrawn or disengaged. It is suitable for anyone involved in the care, support or education of children or adults with severe or profound intellectual disabilities, profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD) and autism, dementia or brain injury and who use ways other than words to communicate.

<https://www.nacwellbeing.org>

New Storysharers....welcome!



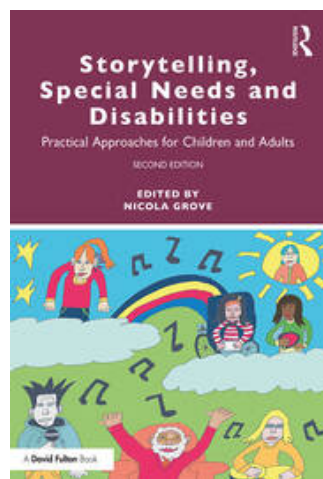
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New Book

Updated edition of an overview of storytelling approaches in the field of special needs and disabilities, first published in 2013. New topics include Story Massage, Stories in Sign Language, Storytelling with Deaf Blind individuals, and perspectives from an autistic storyteller and from storytellers with learning disabilities.



New research: Questions questions

We've always known there were problems with the way we ask questions of people who have communication and/or learning difficulties. A recent article by **Joanne Morrison, Jill Bradshaw & Glynis Murphy** explains how questioning styles can disempower and confuse vulnerable witnesses in court cases. They explore the cognitive, social and emotional challenges that interrogation presents. We need to be aware that although a trial is an extreme case, similar issues can arise in everyday life. Take care with questions... Download and read this important paper here

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/13657127211031040>

Easter treat

Why not order some chocolates from Harry Specters, a social firm employing autistic young people to pack and send their delicious products

<https://www.harryschocs.co.uk/collections/all>

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