



Storysharing® Newsletter

Summer 2022

Upcoming July
13th 16.00-16.45

**Creative
Education
FREE
WEBINAR**

**A Voice through
Story for Pupils
with Profound
Learning
Disabilities**
**Emily Walker,
pupil, Lucy
Cook, teacher &
Nicola Grove**

*Come and hear directly
from Emily and Lucy
about visiting the library
and what this means for
community participation
and activism
And from Nicola on
ideas to make school
councils inclusive*

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story-for-young-people-
with-pmls/](https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/a-voice-through-story-for-young-people-with-pmls/)

ONE TRUST & GENERATE Storysharing partners -



“The Driving Test”

Michael Jenkinson & Gary Scott, from One Trust co-telling Rio Merrett's story with Rio and Kai Mavour from Generate. Would you believe an examiner saying that!!! We were shocked.

Read our short paper about this project which pairs up verbal and nonverbal narrators....

Grove, N., Jenkinson, M., Kaluba, C., Mavour, K., Merrett, R., Odonkor, J., Ottridge, L., Scott, G. (2022).

Stories Told Together. **Community Living**, 35(4), 25.

A full version of the paper will be online from 7 July
<https://www.cl-initiatives.co.uk>

See also

An overview of approaches to self advocacy with individuals who have profound disabilities :-

Grove, N. (2022) Telling Stories for Self Advocacy.
PMLD Link vol. 34, no.1 Issue 101 pp. 11-13.

Readable Relevant Research

Often the problem with inclusion of people with severe disabilities is the way we think about ideas

What does "self determination" mean for people with PMLDs?
<http://doi.org/10.16993/sjdr.830>

Does categorising people with intellectual disabilities as "vulnerable" lead to exclusion?
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13645579.2017.1287872>

<https://doi.org/10.1111/bld.12366>

How do we research narrative?
 Susan Flynn looks at how methods need to be broadened to include the voices of children and adults with severe intellectual disabilities
<https://www.sjdr.se/articles/10.16993/sjdr.613/print/>

More resources and information

Contact us

With any questions, ideas or for more information at
info@storysharing.org.uk

Storysharing visit to Mellor House, Westcliff on Sea

"a huge thank you for such inspiring and joyous training - I really loved it and learned so much from you all!"

Anna Suschitzky Mencap

In May Nicola and Anna Suschitzky, Mencap's storytelling lead in Wales, had the great privilege of visiting Mellor House, a Mencap run home for individuals with severe and profound disabilities.

Stories appeared like magic: starting with ..

- upsetting coffee all over the table;
- a heart in the mouth goKart adventure;
- the birthday of a lifetime with BURGERS, CAKE and a visit from Snow White herself;
- answering the phone just like Dad.

It was a joy to see how the tenants responded to each other and wanted the stories repeated. Staff in this home are great narrators and really attend to and value the individual personalities and skills of the people they support - it felt full of light and affection.

What we learned from Mellor House...

- Providing a great quality of life for tenants takes courage and imagination
- Adventurous trips - overnight camping, go-karting - no assumptions about what people can't achieve
- Shared meals and enjoyment of food!
- Close, caring relationships with families builds trust, knowledge and memories

the guys had an amazing day. . I have learnt a lot and has given me loads of ideas, We are looking forward to storysharing training! Maria McLean-Brown, Service Manager