



TRAINING AND CONSULTANCY INITIAL ENQUIRY FORM

Thank you so much for your enquiry about our training and consultancy. We offer a flexible range of options to suit different needs.

Our training is focused on developing highly practical skills to enable people with learning and communication difficulties to take an active part in sharing their experiences, contributing to the community, and broadening their access to culture and ideas, through the telling and sharing of stories.

We work with professionals, community leaders, families, and people with disabilities themselves; in education, health, social services, museums, galleries and libraries, community settings.

All our training is built on using the expertise of our colleagues (storytellers and community builders) who have learning difficulties themselves. We work to build up their skills as presenters and trainers, and where possible they co-deliver with us.

In our budgeting we operate on a full cost recovery basis. Our training and consultancy income raises funds to enable us to continue developing the skills and knowledge of our storytellers and community builders.

In order to help us put together the right proposal for you, could you let us know the following:-

1. Who is the training for?

2. What is the need that you would like us to meet in our training?

3. What kind of training would you like?
 - Presentation – talk or lecture
 - Courses – one day or more in your own venue
 - In house consultancy – bespoke training for staff, and/or ongoing input
 - Workshops or performances
 - We run courses based in our own centre in Frome, with input from our storytellers with learning difficulties, when we have enough demand (10 participants minimum)
 - We can also offer in-depth advice about particular individuals.

4. What is your approximate budget, exclusive of travel and accommodation expenses?

5. Anything else you would like us to know?

Thanks so much! We will be in touch to discuss your training needs in depth.

Our trainers

Nicola Grove, PhD has 35 years experience as a speech and language therapist, working in schools and colleges and day and residential services. She has an international reputation in the fields of storytelling, early communication, and augmentative and alternative communication. She also specialises in the design of inclusive programmes of study for the National Curriculum. She lectured at the Institute of Education, and City University London, before leaving to set up Openstorytellers.

Jane Harwood is a workshop leader, storyteller, musician, and music leader, working in and outside educational settings. She has worked with the charity Openstorytellers since its inception. She also runs two small organisations, Count Me In (community music) and Strata Collective (media arts / landscape). Jane runs story groups for adults and children with severe, profound and multiple disabilities. She is currently engaged in delivering a three year action based research project that investigates the impact of shared personal narratives on the lives of young people with complex communication needs.

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