

Storytelling Workshop Instructions (Facilitated)

Welcome:

- Introduce yourself and Storytelling Connects. Say:
 - We are going to create a story together using a series of picture cards
 - This will be fun and we'll use our imaginations to work together to create our story
- Ask the participants to introduce themselves

Creating the story:

1. Place the cards face down in a random order, e.g.



(Depending on the level of the group: use 4-9 cards; this can be done as a group (no more than 6), in pairs or individually)

2. Invite the group participants to pick a card to turn over
3. Ask the participants questions to encourage them to talk about the image
4. Focus on: People, Place, Plot, Emotion and Sound/Music
5. Write down on the back of the image what the participants say – stick this to the back of the image once finished
6. Read the story they have created
7. Place the card face down
8. Repeat with the other cards
9. Invite the group to rearrange the images into the story they would like to tell
10. In the final round, pick up each image and read the story to the group. Or invite a member of the group to read the story back (remember to write clearly). Hold up the picture so the whole group can see it.
11. Where possible include some music in the retelling via Spotify or YouTube – or invite the group to sing the tune
12. Thank everyone for their input and creativity

Presenting the story:

- After the session, you can write up the story and send it back to the group/individuals
- One way to do this is to provide a PowerPoint with a recording of the story and inserts of the music.

How to encourage the story:

- Can you tell me what you see?
- What do you think is happening?
- Where are they/he/she?
- Can you tell me about the person/people in this picture?

- Shall we give them a name?
- What age are they?
- What do you think they are feeling?
- Are there any sounds that you want to be part of this story?
- What music do you think would go with this picture?
- Is there anything else you would like to say about this picture?

After the first card:

- Is this the same person/s?
- What can we say is happening now?
- And repeat as above...

Changing the order:

- Would you like to change the order of the story?
- How would the story sound if we moved the cards?
- Would anyone like to read out one of the stories?