



Storytelling is the most powerful way of putting stories into the world today Stories provide powerful insights that challenge our perceived view of what we do and how we do it successfully

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What is a Small Support Organisation?

Supporting people with complicated lives, traumatic life histories, experiences of institutionalisation and complicated support needs

Supporting people 'to move out of / or at risk of being placed in', a secure/forensic long-stay institution

- The person and their loved ones are at the centre
- A team of people recruited to support the person
- A home of their own
- Investment in positive and supportive relationships
- A person-centred approach to safeguarding and risk
- Great outcomes for people and families
- Investing in the local area



A human rights based approach

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

Particularly, though not exclusively Article 19 the right to Independent Living



"Disabled people have the same freedom, choice, dignity and control as other people at home, at work and in the community. It does not mean living by yourself or looking after yourself on your own. It means the person has rights to practical assistance and support to participate in society and live an ordinary life."

The power of a story to challenge expectations and change our view of the world





Industry or Art and Craft





"Sometimes reality is too complex. Stories give it form." Jean Luc Godard



Whose truth?

'spontaneous aggression no obvious triggers'







And sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words.





Learning to listen..

..some more



"People with severe reputations are our teachers if we are wise enough to learn from them.

Their behaviour....Protests and civil disobedience if you like...are often telling us

You are not giving me the help I need You are hurting me Your ideas may be good, but your actions aren't You can do better "

Herb Lovett, Dallas, May 1996

Ben

Life is a roller coaster





Jane and her lovely life





A book of stories

A Living Library





Building connection and community



"Stories can conquer fear, you know. They can make the heart bigger."

Ben Okri

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Thank you!

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