



School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics
The Inclusive Learning and Teaching Project

STORYING SHEFFIELD

YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL... WE WANT TO HEAR IT...

*Would you like to tell your story and to learn about storytelling? Would you like to share stories from your life, and be helped to present your stories in a high-quality way which others will want to look at and learn from? Would you like to have free access to a wide range of educational opportunities at the University of Sheffield? If you like the sound of this, then **STORYING SHEFFIELD** is for you!*

STORYING SHEFFIELD is an exciting course at the University of Sheffield which is working with Sheffield people who are not students at the University, as well as with undergraduates. Participation in the project is free.

The idea behind the project is that everyone has many stories to tell about their lives and experiences, and that these stories are valuable and of great interest to others. Sheffield is a city rich in stories, and we want people to tell them and to hear them. Participants in the project will learn about storytelling, choose which stories to share, and the project will work with them to find the best ways to present these, using a variety of techniques and media. These could include text, audio, video, images, art, and performance. Experts and University staff will assist in the production of stories.

Workshops and seminars will be suitable for anyone, no matter what your previous level of education. We cover a wide range of topics, all related in some way to storytelling. Themes include: Sheffield and other British cities on film; maps as a way of telling stories; architecture and narrative; performance; poetry; and more. Seminars are led by highly qualified academics, artists, and others.

The Storying Sheffield course works mainly (but not exclusively) with people who use mental health services and/or have physical disabilities.

We also run other storytelling and educational projects - please contact us to learn more

You will have access to a wide range of resources and people in the University. If you are interested in photography, for instance, we can work with you to tell your story using photos. Or you might be interested in telling stories using video, creative writing, art, or performance. We'll help you tell your story using whatever technique you want to use. We'll also have sessions about how stories work; what makes a 'good' story; and how stories are all around us in Sheffield.

You will receive an official signed University of Sheffield certificate for taking part, which you can use in applications for further study, and for job applications. The course will require a minimum time commitment of roughly 3 hours a week for 12 weeks. We meet on Friday mornings from 10.00-1.00.

Staff working on the project will include experts in using digital media; artists and performers; experts on team working; and academics from the School of English and other departments. Participants on the course will be roughly 50% undergraduate students and 50% non-undergraduates. The total number of participants will be between 28 and 30 people.

Some more details

The STORYING SHEFFIELD course will begin in February 2012. There will also be some preliminary meetings in Autumn 2011.

The initial 6 weeks of the course consist of academic input; in the following 6 weeks, you will work with staff and students to produce and develop narratives of life and experience in Sheffield.

We very much hope you'll join Storying Sheffield. If you would like further information please do get in touch with Brendan Stone or David Forrest who will be happy to have a chat about any aspect of the project.

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