

Digital Storytelling: Finding an authentic voice – Speaker Bio's

Jude Habib

Jude Habib is a BBC trained reporter and producer with over 20 years' experience of unearthing stories that need to be told. She founded sound delivery in 2006 to give charities and the people they support the skills and confidence to tell their stories. Since then Jude has trained thousands of individuals in storytelling, helping to raise awareness and inspire action on issues including mental health, domestic violence, homelessness, the care system, poverty and life in prison. Contact Jude at @judehabib

Darren Murinas

Darren Murinas will demonstrate how a group of volunteers and the power of Storytelling attracted an investment of nearly £10m from the Big Lottery Fund as part of fulfilling lives: Supporting people with multiple needs. The VOICES project in Stoke-on Trent, is aimed at testing alternative approaches to tackling multiple needs and influencing systems change that will improve opportunities for customers to recover and live more fulfilling lives.

Darren has lived in the mixed up world of multiple needs for almost 30 years. After leaving school, Darren found himself caught in the world of alcohol and drug use which turned into addiction, crime and finally a prison term. On release from prison he wanted to avoid a return to a life of crime and accepted help from local charities and became involved with a group of volunteers and the Voice Project began. Darren has been featured on BBC Radio 4 and local radio. In 2015, he was on a shortlist or the Guardian's prestigious volunteer of the year award as well as being a runner up in the Stoke Sentinel's Our Heroes awards. Darren's blogs have featured on the Guardian Social Care network and the Big Lottery Fund website. Last year he gave evidence to a Parliamentary Select Committee in support of a prominent report.

Emma Dalby Bowler - Mind

Emma will demonstrate how Mind are using storytelling is helping to better understand and support people with mental health problems. Emma is digital communications manager at Mind, where her team lead the organisation's digital engagement with supporters and people seeking support. She's worked at a number of charities including Shelter and Macmillan Cancer Support, having previously worked within the publishing industry.