Storytelling Invitation

Wednesday 31st January 2018 - Leeds
You are invited to a storytelling event on Wednesday 31st January 2018 in Leeds.

The storytelling event is for people with learning disabilities.

The event is organised by Cardiff University together with CHANGE.

It is funded by the Wellcome Trust.
We will be telling stories about decisions. Decision making is important. Decisions affect our lives.

Sometimes we make decisions for ourselves. Sometimes people help us to make decisions. Sometimes other people might make decisions for us.

We want to hear your stories about decisions.
Who is organising the event?

The storytelling event is organised by Lucy Series and CHANGE. Lucy Series works at Cardiff University.

Lucy does research on a law called the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

This law is about decision making. It affects many people with learning disabilities.

Lucy can tell you more about this law if you want to learn about it.

You do not have to know about the law to tell your story.
CHANGE is a human rights organisation led by people with learning disabilities. They are based in Leeds. They are hosting the event.

The event is funded by a charity called Wellcome. Wellcome fund research and events that are about health and wellbeing.

Brendan Stone and Chrissy Bonham will help people to tell their stories.

They think storytelling is a really important way of finding out about people’s lives.
Jon Ralphs will draw pictures to help us remember what people have said during the day.

He works for an organisation called NDTi.

What will happen on the day?

The event starts at 10:30am in the morning.

We will all introduce ourselves.
Brendan and Chrissie will help people to tell their stories to each other. You can also do drawings, make plasticine models or write things down if you want to.

We will listen to each other’s stories.

Nobody has to tell a story if they don’t want to.

CHANGE will provide drinks, biscuits and lunch.
If you want to bring someone to support you that is fine.
Please tell us so we can make sure there is space and food for them.

The event finishes at 4pm.

Making a film

We will be making a film about the day.
You do not have to be filmed if you do not want to.

Nobody has to say why they don’t want to be filmed.

If you want to be in the film Lucy will ask you to sign a piece of paper called a consent form. This means you are happy to be in the film.

Jez and Dan from CHANGE will be making the film.

People with learning disabilities at CHANGE will help to edit and present the film.
Who will see the film?

The film will be shared on the internet. It will be shown to people who campaign for human rights, and people who make the law.

The film is to tell people about people with learning disabilities’ experiences of decision making.

We have made another film about family carers.
If you want to know more about the film please ask Lucy or Jez.

More information

If you want to find out more about attending the event, please contact Shanika at CHANGE.

The number is 0113 242 6619.

Shanika’s email is Shanika@changepeople.org
If you want to ask about the event or the film, please contact Lucy Series.

Her number is (0)29 2087 4342. You can leave a message and she will call you back.

Her email address is SeriesL@cardiff.ac.uk

Tell us if you are coming!

If you want to come please contact Shanika on 01132426619 or Shanika@changepeople.org.
Please tell us if you are bringing someone to support you.

Please tell us if you need any special food or there is anything you do not eat.

Please tell us if you need us to do anything to make the day easier for you.