

A one day accredited course for organisations who want to develop storytelling work with children and young people as part of their professional practice



Storytelling is a valuable tool for enhancing children and young people's learning. It has proven benefits including enabling students to understand complex ideas, build self esteem, understand their place in the world and develop empathy. Current studies indicate that oral story presentation has added value outcomes beyond what shared story book activity provides, and so plays a vital role in emergent literacy. It can be used to bring all aspects of the curriculum to life and to make both teaching and learning more enjoyable for both teacher and student. It also promotes a love of reading, enhances literacy and develops speaking and listening skills.

The Course

This accredited one day course is vocationally focused and will directly improve you and your team's ability to carry out your professional roles through enhancing your understanding of storytelling and its applications in formal and informal educational contexts. Theories supporting these practices will be explored and there will be plenty of practical advice to learn how better to use and tell stories. You will be supported to build confidence and a portfolio of stories, ideas and practices which you can continue to use in your workplace.

Who is it for?

Anyone who uses or intends to use storytelling as part of their professional practice, for example:

- Teachers
- Nursery teachers and assistants
- Librarians and library assistants
- Child minders, au pairs, babysitters
- Youth group and club leaders
- Classroom assistants
- Child centre staff
- Play leaders and play workers
- Foster parents and carers
- Community coaches teaching sport to children



Our Expertise

The George Ewart Evans Centre for Storytelling at the University of South Wales is the only UK research centre devoted to the study of storytelling and its applications. We believe storytelling creates better understanding between individuals and communities across society. We lead the field in researching and developing the best and most innovative practices in storytelling and education, and are committed to passing on our knowledge and skills through well taught professional development courses.

This course will be delivered by:



Patrick Ryan, PhD, FEA
Research Fellow at the George Ewart
Evans Centre for Storytelling

Patrick has worked as a teacher and professional storyteller for over 30 years. He regularly tours Britain, Europe and the US performing, lecturing and delivering workshops as a free-lance storyteller, writer and educational consultant. He has delivered bespoke training courses and consultancies for professionals in education, museums and libraries. He also delivers regular workshops and training with children and young people.

Patrick is a member of Society for Storytelling, Storytellers of Ireland, National Association of Writers in Education, UKLA, Folklore Society, EFDSS and Equity. He has written for the BBC, published several books and actively participated in several major storytelling projects.

Delivery

The course will be tailored to be directly relevant to your organisation and delivered at your premises to demonstrate how it will work in your own environment. During the day, you will learn alongside your colleagues, ensuring that the skills learnt can be deeply embedded in your organisation. A short task will be set and assessed under usual university quality procedures in order to gain the qualification.

Cost

Delivering a bespoke in-house course ensures fantastic value for money. For £1,800* we can train up to 24 members of your team, equating to only £75 per person for an accredited course. Smaller organisations are also able to twin with another organisation to ensure that the course represents the best value for money.

**Please note that additional travel and accommodation costs will be charged for overseas locations.*

Accreditation

This course is accredited to gain 5 credits at Level 4 by the University of South Wales. On successfully passing the course students will receive personal certificates as proof of their learning.

Testimonials

Dr Patrick Ryan's passion for storytelling is obvious as soon as you meet him and start talking. His natural warmth and good humour persuade even the most reluctant member of a group to join in. He is non-judgemental and encouraging, providing a range of activities to build confidence and ability in participants.

Jacqui Harrett, UKLA Committee Member

As a principal and counselor I have used Pat as a storyteller and reading educator in large groups and in the classroom. The children have loved his tales and rhyme. My teachers have come away from his classroom workshops invigorated and excited to use some of his techniques in the classroom.

Daniel Carr, Principal, Greenfield School District,
Milwaukee, USA



Contact Us

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