

# Storytelling and Story-gathering Resources, Tools and Examples

## Some thoughts on inclusive digital storytelling

- supports voices that are otherwise not heard within a community (due to disability, different approaches, etc.)
- allows connection with others with similar experiences
  - to recognize systemic issues
  - to organize together for change
- **story as sanctuary**: hearing part of your story in someone else's
  - insight/reflection through others' stories
- foster digital literacy, self-awareness and reflection amongst participants
- can provoke empathy
- makes issues "real" - real people, real problems, therefore real solutions that work
- allows dissemination of stories to those who often can't access them
- captures the history of a community/organization
- captures a point in time
  - could be used to self-assess one's own progress or changes over time
- helps with funding and outreach
- engages people who might not otherwise be able to participate
- facilitates a contribution to something larger - an issue, a collective experience, etc
- One of the ways we get to know new people is by telling stories about ourselves and hearing stories from them
- Some barriers to storytelling
  - Language
  - Culture
  - Modality
  
- Consider wordless stories such as: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBCA3iX3bKc> or <http://www.shauntan.net/books/the-arrival.html>
- Stories are also subject to misuse - propaganda, "fake news", politics
  - The story as a weapon
  - Stories and cultural appropriation
- Questions
  - How to make it easier for everyone to *tell* stories?
  - How to make it easier for everyone to *hear* stories?
  - How to make it easier to *record* stories for everyone?
  - How to make it easier to *share* stories with everyone?
- Some things that *might* be applicable or interesting to explore on this theme
  - Translation
  - Transformation
  - Captioning
  - Nonverbal communication
    - ASL
    - Picture symbols
  - Speech synthesis
  - Speech recognition
  - Augmented / virtual reality
- Guidelines for inclusive storytelling?

## (Digital) Story Collections

- [Aging Activisms](#)
- [Medecins sans Frontieres - Because I'm a Woman - video stories](#)
- [Duolingo Documentary - Something Like Home](#)
- [Access to Media Education Society \(AMES\) - DisPLACEMENT program](#)
- [Rooted in Rights](#)
  
- [Shout Your Abortion - Brooklyn NY](#)
- [The Guardian - Defender's of Women's Rights Speak Out \(storytelling example in embedded video\)](#)
- [The Center for Digital Storytelling / Storycenter](#)
- [Storycenter - Silence Speaks](#)
- [LD@School - The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario's \(LDAO\)](#)
- [Learning A11y \(Audiobooks\) - Learning Disability Success Stories](#)
- [Mencap UK - The Voice of Learning Disability - Stories](#)
- [Project MyValue](#)
- [The Live On Movement - Disability Pride, Disability Awareness](#)
- [The Dementia Diaries](#)
- [Radio Vallena, Columbia](#)
- [Philadelphia Assembled - Storytelling as Sanctuary Project](#)
- [What Are U Waiting For? The Waiting Room Storytelling Project](#)
- [Canadian Museum for Human Rights - Our Canada My Story](#)
- [Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center - Life Stories Project](#)
- [Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault \(CCASA\) - Stories](#)
- [Digital Storytelling Toronto](#)

## Story-gathering Projects & Resources

[Collaborative Story-Gathering Template](#)

[Crippling Narrative: Storytelling as Activism - Kim Collins](#)

[Storytelling, Imagination and Activism - podcast from Resilience.org](#)

[Aging Activisms](#) - We take up intergenerational activist storytelling as a research methodology and as a way to bring community activists together across generations and movements to share, receive, and record diverse stories of activists.

[Storytelling and Social Change - Panel talk from Stanford Social Innovation Review \(January 2020\)](#)

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[Department of Imaginary Affairs](#)

[Canadian Museum for Human Rights - Share Your Story](#)

[I Have Something to Say - Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth Ontario](#)

[Rooted in Rights](#)

[Community Story Collective](#)

[Community Story Strategies](#)

[Canadian Museum for Immigration at Pier 1 - Digital Storytelling Project](#)

## Methods

[Storycenter Listening Station](#)

[WITNESS](#)

[WITNESS resources for creating videos](#)

[Video 4 Change](#)

[Tecnologico de Monterrey - EduTrends - Storytelling](#)

[Slidestory - creating audio slideshows](#)

[SpeakUP! Young Women Share Powerful Stories From Their Own Lives](#)

[The Center for Documentary Studies - Duke University](#)

[The Youth Noise Network](#)

[Storycenter - Public Health and Human Services](#)

[Empower Youth Toronto - Digital Storytelling](#)

## Story Creation Tools

[Storyjumper](#)

[WriteReader](#)

[Book Creator](#)

[Imagine Forest](#)

[Litehouse Press](#)

[Goodnotes](#)

[Twine](#)

<https://www.utoronto.ca/news/big-picture-u-t-experts-develop-storytelling-tool-family-photos>

[Concordia Digital Storytelling Toolbox](#)

## Other Tools

[Storytelling Tool Manual Testing Grid](#)

[Storytelling Tool Minimal Testing Grid](#)

[Storytelling Tool: Useful information re server deployments](#)