

## Learning to tell

*A handbook for inclusive storytelling*

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To support the development of inclusive storytelling, this new and exciting resource from BILD has been specifically designed to help people to find personal meaning in traditional stories, and so make links between a legend and their own lives. The resource aims to enable people who are marginalised through communication and language difficulties, to develop skills in narrative and story. The role of stories in their lives is the same as for everyone else – stories are fun and interesting, help you to make friends, understand the world and develop your imagination.

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