

STORYTELLING in EDUCATION

Global Online Conference

OCT 4

8 SESSIONS

9AM - 4PM UK TIME

REGISTER NOW!

Pay what you can option
(suggested £30)

Simona's Stories

STORYTELLER, ENGLISH, READING, WRITING



DETAILS

WHEN?

October 4th,
9am - 4pm UK time

WHAT?

8 highly interactive
sessions about bringing
storytelling into the heart
of learning

WHERE?

Online, on Zoom

HOW TO REGISTER?

On Eventbrite - 'Pay what you
can' option (suggested £30)
Or, if needed, ask for a free
place via email

PROGRAMME

9:00 am – 9:15 am

Welcome from Simona and David

9:15 am – 9:45 am

Simona Stambazzi (Italy) – “Playing with Stories”

9:45 am – 10:30 am

Mindy Neo (Singapore) – “The Power of Polarities”

10:30 am – 11:15 am

Wangari Grace (Kenya) – “Me, You, Us – Let's get Interactive!”

11:15 am – 11:30 am

Coffee Break

11:30 am – 12:15 pm

Jackie Ross (Scotland) – “Promoting Language through Stories”

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

David Heathfield (UK) and Luzan Mattar (Gaza) –

“Animating Gaza Tales”

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch Break

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Beverly Whittall (Canada/Portugal) – “Stories for Falling in Love with the World!”

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Sef Townsend (UK) – “Telling stories to people who don't understand your language”

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Barry Stewart Mann (USA) – “Two Sides of the Coin: Integrating Storytelling into STEM”

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Goodbyes



THE SPEAKERS



Barry Stewart Mann
(USA)



Beverly Whittall
(Canada / Portugal)



David Heathfield
(UK)



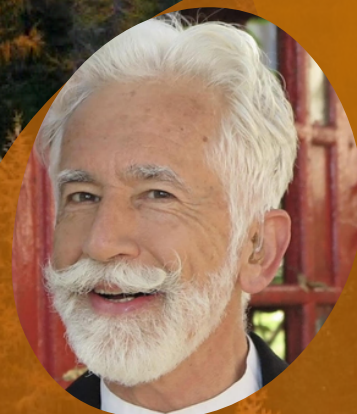
Jackie Ross
(Scotland)



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(Gaza)



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(Singapore)



Sef Townsend
(UK)



Simona Stambazzi
(Italy)



Wangari Grace
(Kenya)

PLAYING WITH STORIES

Simona Stambazzi (Italy)

9:15 - 9:45 AM

Stories are alive - they change shape as we tell them. And what if we didn't tell them with words but using our bodies - how would the story change in the minds of our audience?



In this workshop we're going to explore a fun, but also deep and meaningful, technique to play with the stories we tell, developing creativity, imagination, and so much more.

about Simona

Simona is a language teacher, storyteller, podcaster and workshop leader. She fell in love with stories at a very young age and she's been playing with her imagination ever since - creating stories, writing, telling, reading, and now... sharing her passion!

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THE POWER OF POLARITIES

Mindy Neo (Singapore)

9:45 – 10:30 AM

The workshop will be about discovering polarities/opposing qualities (eg. up and down, love and hate, good and evil) in stories. We will explore how by stretching the polarity, we heighten the experience for the listeners. It will challenge us to face a number of questions. Can you recognise the emotions in you and dare to tell it? How will you convey this to your listeners?



about Mindy

Mindy enjoys connecting with adults and children through the ancient art of story. She loves insights and lessons best when they're wrapped in funny or poignant stories. She tells traditional tales as well as true stories from her own life.

ME, YOU, US – LET'S GET INTERACTIVE

Wangari Grace (Kenya)

10:30 – 11:45 AM

Discover the power of interactivity in crafting a well-told story. Explore your story through your senses; movement, gestures, voice, facial expression, emotions, and characterization. You don't have to be an actor to be a good storyteller. You only need an imagination.



about wangari

An Oral Performer, Wangari Grace – who also goes under the moniker Wangari The Storyteller – uses stories, songs, dance, read aloud and other interactive devices to promote a love for stories and reading. A published author with more than 20 children's titles to her name, she tells to both the young and the young at heart!

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PROMOTING LANGUAGE THROUGH STORIES

Jackie Ross (Scotland)

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Join this fun, interactive session to discover creative ways to use storytelling in language learning. Explore techniques to boost vocabulary, spark curiosity, and inspire a love of language through the power of story.



about Jackie

Jackie was a teacher for over 30 years. She now spends her time storytelling and promoting her mother language (Scots) through community engagement activities and publishing children's books. She also helps organise a Language Café for those wishing to practise their English.



ANIMATING GAZA TALES

David Heathfield (UK)

Luzan Mattar (Gaza)

12:15 – 1:00 PM

Animating Gaza Tales brings to life the voices and artwork of children in crisis in Gaza by transforming their artwork into short animations and enabling them to retell simple folk tales originally told by other young Palestinians.

Find out how you can:

- empower even the least confident learners through creative self-expression
- support their well-being and emotional resilience
- enhance English language learning through storytelling and the arts
- show care and support across cultures

about David and Luzan

Luzan Mattar is an English language teacher in UNRWA schools in Gaza and holds a Masters Degree in Translation. She is a classroom storyteller and an award-winning animation artist and online theatre practitioner. She is an expert in Palestinian Tatrez embroidery.

David Heathfield is a Freelance Storyteller, English Teacher, Teacher Trainer and Author. He has volunteered with teachers and learners in Gaza since 2020 and now leads the global project Tell a Child in Gaza's Tale together with PhD student Haneen Khaled Jadallah.



STORIES FOR FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE WORLD!

Beverly Whittall
(Portugal/Canada)

1:30 – 2:15 PM

In this session, you'll be participating in stories and activities that I have used with my EFL students (aged 10 – 17) to help them connect with the world around them, develop their imagination and creativity and hopefully inspire them to fall in love with the world and become this generation's changemakers and guardians!



about Beverly

Beverly Whittall is an English language teacher and storyteller, born in Canada but currently living and working in beautiful Northern Portugal. She is passionate about finding different ways of bringing storytelling into the classroom.

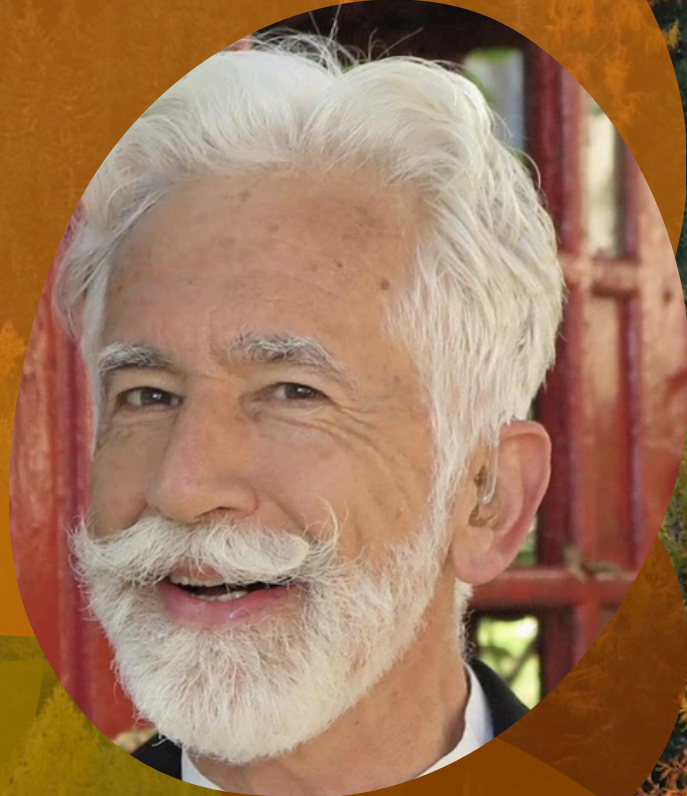


TELLING STORIES TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR LANGUAGE

Sef Townsend (UK)

2:15 – 3:00 PM

How can you tell and work with stories with people who have little or no knowledge of your language. Sef will share some of the techniques in sessions he has been running for more than 25 years, with newly arrived immigrant children and with adult refugees and those in asylum detention.



about Sef

"I seem to be known for my work in peace & reconciliation and have worked in diverse settings including refugee camps, schools, universities and religious institutions worldwide. In 2024 I was honoured as Storytelling Ambassador by the International Academy for Intangible Cultural heritage."

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DAVID
HEATHFIELD
WORLD
STORYTELLER



TWO SIDES OF THE COIN: INTEGRATING STORYTELLING INTO STEM

Barry Stewart Mann (USA)

2:15 - 3:00 PM

Folktales, historical narratives, personal stories, and original tales can all captivate students while conveying essential STEM content. In this workshop, learn strategies and see them

in action with diverse topics, from coins to moon phases to number lines to weather - and beyond. And have fun in the process!

about Barry

Barry Stewart Mann, MFA, is a storyteller, actor and teaching artist based in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. He offers curriculum-based storytelling programs in schools and theme-based programs in libraries, and he tours internationally with Dream On Productions.



WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU REGISTER

- 8 highly interactive sessions on ways to include storytelling in our teaching
- Recordings of the whole conference
- Materials shared by the speakers
- 7 hours of enjoyable learning

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