

# Digital Storytelling 2018

In 2018 Scottish Book Trust ran a Digital Storytellers in Residence project in library services across Scotland. Each library service hosted a Digital Storyteller to support selected groups to create digital stories about personal experiences important to them. Digital stories were then archived and shared with the public online.

Our project helped people to create and share digital stories about events in their lives. Taking part boosted people's sense of social inclusion and helped them develop digital skills in a fun and meaningful way.

*'I'm really glad I did it although it was challenging, it boosted my confidence it definitely did. I wouldn't be scared to meet up with the others again.'*

**Participant, Dundee**

**495**

workshops delivered

**363**

people recorded their stories

## How digital storytelling can change lives:



**Digital skills:** creating digitally confident citizens of all ages and abilities



**Inclusion:** working with marginalised and vulnerable groups across the country



**Wellbeing:** empowering people to see the value in their own voice and stories

**107**

groups participated



## Ruth's story

Digital storytelling supports people to improve their digital skills through the sharing of personal stories. Stories that might otherwise be forgotten.

Ruth, a member of the Dundee Blind and Partially Sighted Society, took part in our programme.

In her story Ruth speaks about her grandfather being killed by friendly fire at the Battle of Aubers Ridge in 1915, leaving her grandmother a widow with three young children. She recorded and edited her story with her group before posting it online to share it with others.

*'The group never stop talking about it! We'll definitely be sharing more stories.'*

Since the community heard their stories new members have joined the Society, Ruth has been stopped in the street around town to chat about the project and her granddaughter has been inspired to learn more about their family history.

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*'It's made us feel that our stories are worthwhile. It's broadened my horizons, I was beginning to feel concerned about getting old but this has been brilliant – thought-provoking and exciting.'*

*'I felt like it was a healing process. Telling my story ... it was therapeutic.'*

**Participant, Orkney**



**1 in 3**

participants were introduced to the library through the project and more than a quarter lived in the 20% most deprived areas of Scotland

Participants were proud of their own achievement in sharing their story

**84%**

surveyed agreed that it is important to record stories like theirs

*'A lot of hearing people know how to do these things, but deaf people are often kept out of the loop, so it was a really good experience being able to sit down and go through it.'*

**Participant, Falkirk**