

IMPACT REPORT

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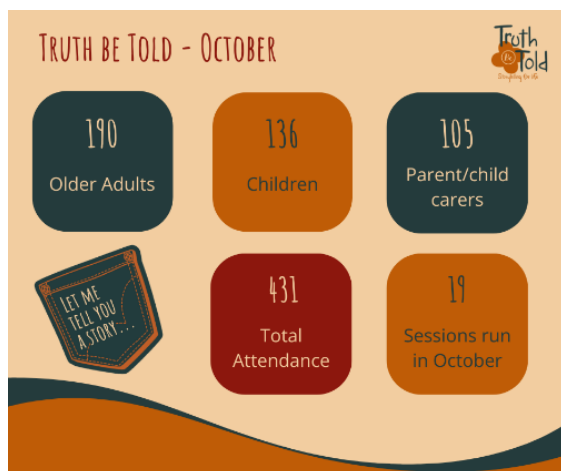
It's been an exciting and fruitful month for Truth Be Told as we've continued to share our vision and connect with others passionate about missional storytelling and community outreach.

Gemma went with our storyteller Karen and represented TBT at the 2:19 Teach to Reach conference in Birmingham, having many encouraging conversations about how storytelling can build bridges across cultures. Later in the month, Gemma and Rachel hosted a TBT stall at the CRE exhibition, where she delivered two inspiring talks on missional storytelling. These events sparked great interest, leading to five new sign-ups for our Stories app.

Meanwhile, Rachel led a valuable training workshop in London for charity leaders, focusing on how to choose and use CRM systems effectively to strengthen their outreach and communication.

Together, these moments reflect our growing reach and ongoing commitment to equipping others to share stories that bring hope and connection.

STORIES FROM OUR GROUPS



In Sherborne this month, Storyteller Yvonne tells us how delighted resident Brian was to see little Teddy and Alice back in the TBT sessions. Brian's response was, 'Oh how wonderful to see you!'

Resident Sheila has also shared her thankfulness to God for all the children attending the sessions.

Sophie in Christchurch shares with us just how special it was to be able to remind everyone in the session just how loved they all are by Jesus.

Some more of Sophies favourite moments were watching little

Sophia reading with resident Lynn, watching little ones pouring imaginary cups of tea during the song *Polly put the kettle on*, and resident Vic trying on goggles and looking fabulous!



One of the residents in Cheriton, Madeline, who was too unwell at the beginning of term to join the sessions, has told storyteller Jill how thrilled she was to be well enough to join with them again. Jill Promptly told her how precious she was, and Madeline replied, 'You don't know how much these sessions mean to me every week that you come in here!'

Another special moment for Jill was seeing how the little children are growing in confidence engaging with the residents and joining in with the songs and actions. She also took some percussion instruments to the session, and this was very much enjoyed by children and residents alike.

Yvonne in Sherborne brought some drum balls to the session along with other instruments much to the delight of children and residents alike.



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Paul and Julie from Poole share a sweet connection with one of their little guests who chose to sit on their lap during the story whilst the other children ran around collecting and arranging teddies. 'Resident Terry from Poole was completely captivated by our one-year-old today. She sat quietly on the mat, crawling and cooing, and he was utterly enchanted by her'.

In Poole, Gene, who visits his wife every day, began singing along to one of the songs. With a little encouragement, he sang a verse to the whole room on his own and everyone cheered for him.



Another precious moment shared by Paul and Julie was seeing a carer sat in the corner doing paperwork during the session. She kept smiling and watching what we were doing, so when I shared that Jesus said *we don't need to worry about everyday things if we keep Him at the centre of our lives*, she nodded and said, "Yes!".

Storyteller Ruth from Thame shares a precious moment when she was able to pray with a lady who came to one of her sessions and had shared with her some concerns about her life. The lady was so grateful and thanked Ruth through her tears.

Several of our storytellers have shared with us this month how special it has been to hear the residents joining in loudly singing *Jesus loves me* when the parachute and bubble come out.

Flu who has been covering one of our Christchurch groups this week, told us how a little boy who attends regularly, loves to dish out hugs to everyone and how the residents look so forward to it when he arrives.



TBT ESOL STORIES

HIGHLIGHTS

This month, two TBT ESOL sessions were held in Bournemouth, and one with our international partners in Taiwan. Overall, have had 29 adults attending these sessions, 2 of which were older adults, and 23 children. At least 6 nations have been represented over this month including Afghan, Albanian, Kurdish and Taiwanese.

Storyteller Karen shares a favourite moment when at the beginning of a session, some of the guests taught her how to say, "Good morning" and "How are you?" in their languages, *Dari, Pashto, and Kurdish*. When another guest arrived, Karen greeted her in Dari, and she responded with a whole stream of words, far more than Karen had been taught! The whole group burst into laughter, enjoying the lovely moment together.

A favourite moment for Karen was seeing the ladies listening intently to the story of the Prodigal Son. You could hear a pin drop. At the end of the session, one young boy who has only been a couple of times was passing the room with his mum for ESOL afternoon classes. He heard the music, saw the parachute and shouted 'bubbles!', as he ran straight under the parachute and joined in with a big smile.

In Taiwan, one of the little boys who has been attending each week, showed confidence in handing out the stickers after the session. Storyteller Miriam shares how she and her team have had some wonderful conversations and with Mums and Dads after the group. One was a childminder who openly shared about the struggles she had been having; another was a conversation about faith with one of the dads.