

# Storytelling

Storytelling can be a useful tool in developing scenarios. Stories can help us imagine different situations and scenarios and create some detail about what that is like, helping to get a shared understanding.

## Storytelling activity

Individually or in small groups, ask people to create and share a story about the scenario. Encourage people to be creative, imaginative and 'play' with the idea. There are no right or wrong answers; it is an exploration of the issue. Taking a light-hearted approach helps people to be more creative and can surface issues, emotions and ideas that may not have been considered. Individuals or groups can choose a theme for this, or be allocated one. Below are some ideas for themes you may want to use.

Create the story ...

- As a news story in a tabloid
- As case study for a group of students to explore
- In the style of fairy tale with a happy ending
- As an episode of a favourite TV programme

Individuals or small groups read their story to the whole group who listen and identify any new ideas or thinking that emerges that is relevant to the scenario. Ask the group "what is coming up for you in the story that is relevant to this scenario?"

