



## AN ONLINE COURSE IN APPLIED STORYTELLING

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## YOU SAID ABOUT OUR FIRST COURSE...

Thought-provoking but also practical. Thanks for creating something that's bitesize and really accessible - Michelle Mullany

Hugely inspiring and enjoyable - Siobhan Ryder

What was fascinating today was how much I learned simply by listening to others present, and then the discussion afterwards - Martin Hambleton

Brilliant and so informative. If this was a book it would be an unputdownable page-turner - Leslie Marsh

There is a mountain of experiential wisdom and knowledge. I am coming more and more to the belief that this should be on the education curriculum - Leslie Marsh

Seeing stories starting to take real shape, and begin to be honed, is an exciting part of the journey - Martin Hambleton

I particularly liked the case study template. Made an otherwise uninspiring story so much better - David Bellin

I'm genuinely learning so much from these sessions - Hayley Ekgren

Applying storytelling techniques, such as contrast, analogy, etc is a sure-fire way to turn what may seem dull into interesting material - Ayman Abdullah

Loving this journey and the input from you and the rest of the delegates - Sonya O'Sullivan

## TELL A BETTER STORY WITH JOT

Just One Thing (JOT) is a personal development concept centred around communication skills. In this online course led by Andrew Thorp, we focus on the importance of storytelling as a way to do justice to the product, service or idea you're promoting.

This is a six-part programme with fortnightly sessions in key aspects of 'applied storytelling', a vital skill in a world where attention is such a valuable commodity.

Sessions will be interactive and collaborative, with delegates working together to develop a powerful narrative for their business, and the confidence to deliver it well.





Don't make more noise; strengthen your signal! Nancy Duarte

# 6 KEY THINGS ABOUT APPLIED STORYTELLING

- It's more than just telling a funny anecdote
- It's your brand, the way people see and describe you
- It's a great way to package a powerful message
- It helps you combine facts and emotion (head and heart)
- It's a 'moving' skill (helps you persuade and influence)
- It helps you stand out in a very noisy world

## Where you can use it:

- Presentations
- Networking (online or off)
- Team meetings
- On social media

- In tenders/proposals
- Interviews
- Conversations
- At home

#### How does the online course work?

- The programme comprises a series of **fortnightly workshops** delivered via Zoom, with each session lasting between 90 minutes.
- Sessions will be a mixture of plenary format and breakouts, with use of screen share, chat and whiteboard functions.
- Once participants have successfully registered for a session they may be asked to prepare some material in advance for that session (instructions will be provided).
- The programme is designed as a 'whole journey', to enable participants to see a before-and-after progression. However, it is possible to join part-way through and materials relating to missed sessions will be provided.
- Participants should join each session with an open mind and a willingness to help others (this is a collaborative process).
- As with everything in life, the more you put in the more you get out! Therefore, progress will largely be determined by the work you do BETWEEN sessions.

#### **Costs and booking**

- You can pre-pay for the entire course for a 10% discount (and avoid the Eventbrite fee).
- Alternatively, book each session as you go along via Eventbrite (links will be circulated).
- A separate Zoom registration link will then be sent to attendees.
- Each session will be priced at £15 + VAT (plus a small fee from Eventbrite itself).

#### Extra help with storytelling

There is clearly a limit to what we can achieve in these short, group sessions but it is possible to supplement this with additional 1-2-1 coaching (ask **Andrew Thorp** for details).

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

#### 2020 - all sessions on Wednesdays (10.30am-noon)

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- 1) Introduction Wed 2 Sept
- 2) Building your story Wed 16 Sept
- 3) Test-drive your material Wed 30 Sept
- 4) Presentations Wed 14 Oct
- 5) Conversation Wed 28 Oct
- Wed 11 Nov

#### **Summary of content**

- Introduction to Applied Storytelling
- The story you tell now (and what it might be)
- Set goals for improving and applying it
- Why storytelling works (the theory and science)
- Story types and templates
- Building your own Library
- Testing and refining your own material
- Improve what you say (content, message)
- Improve how you say it (delivery)
- Applying the storytelling approach to presentations
- Structuring a talk
- Testing existing material
- The art of effective conversation
- Story-listening
- Selling yourself (building rapport, connection, trust)
- 6) Online storytelling
- Blogging and video
- Building authority in your niche
- Review of the journey you've been on!

#### Book via Eventbrite - contact Andrew for booking links



### **Andrew Thorp**

Andrew is an award-winning speaker, consultant and trainer specialising in the field of business storytelling. Based in North West England but working internationally, his clients include the Big 4 accountants, Swiss Re and the European Parliament, plus a range of UK SME's, individual consultants and professionals.



People don't buy goods and services. They buy relationships, stories and magic.

**Seth Godin** 

Stories are data with soul.

**Dr Brene Brown** 

