

Bgen Annual Conference 2017: Growing Your Audience

RAPPORTEUR NOTES

Using creative writing to reach new audiences

Caoimhe Creed, Dublin Castle

Using props and real life items gives a starting point to get children & adults thinking about writing stories. Activities can be adapted to pictures if writing is a barrier. Make it fun and non-threatening.

Key points:

- Low tech workshops – just uses pens and paper rather than powerpoint etc
- Explored what the elements of the story are eg plot, setting & character
- Use your setting to focus children's minds eg tours of the garden, discuss plants
- Collaborative story telling – much like consequences game, each writes a section of story with only seeing last line of previous section.
- Allow children time to read their stories out loud.