TEAM TALKING POINTS

In groups, identify the specific risks the children and young people your organisation supports may be faced with when having their photos taken and stories shared. Some points to explore may be:

- Assumptions from the community (they are special, they are being paid) and added attention from other members of the community
- Sharing opinions/experiences that are negative towards Duty Bearers
- Disclosure information about their situation and location
- Retraumatisation of sharing their story
- Data not being safely stored

Think about measures you can take to reduce each of those risks and who would lead on that piece of work.

This should enable you to develop a concrete action plan relevant to the children and young people you support and relevant to the context you work in.

Note: There is also a Risk Assessment activity in the Dignified StoryTelling Guide under their 'Do No Harm' pledge (Page 28): https://dignifiedstorytelling.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Dignified-Storytelling-Handbook-English-Dec-2021.pdf

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TALKING POINTS

Whilst it is important as organisations to think about the risks that they might pose by sharing pictures and stories, it is also important to create a space where children and young people (and their parents/care givers) can share with you their concerns and potentially areas of risk they don't fully understand or would like more information about.

When creating a space for feedback from children and their families, it is also important you factor in time for follow up sessions where you can give further information on questions raised. Don't set up these sessions unless you have the capacity to run follow up sessions.

Questions you may want to explore (these will need to be adapted for your context):

- What do you feel is the biggest risk to you if we share your story online?

- What things you feel you need more information on to fully understand the risks of sharing your story? Eg who your newsletter goes to, how many people are on your social media, do you change names and locations?
- Do you worry about any particular people seeing your picture/story online
- What do you need from us to make you feel safer online?

If you want to explore Digital Safeguarding with the children and young people you support, there is a wealth of resources on https://www.childnet.com/ and https://www.bbc.com/ownit that can be used to support children and young people to explore what the digital world is really like and how they can keep themselves safer. Note: these are currently only in English