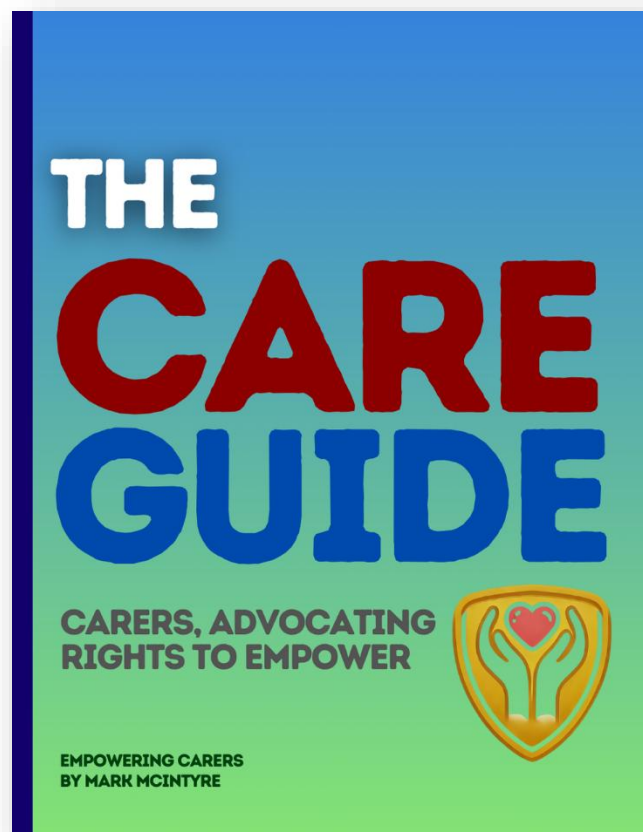


STORY 17

The Right to Participate in Community Activities

Reflection and Teaching Aid

Section B of The Care Guide – Advocacy Stories



Training Resource Sheet

Story 17: Grizzle the Troll: The Right to Participate in Community Activities

(From Section B – Advocacy Stories)

Story Summary

Grizzle the Troll has a history of mischief, but he has worked hard to change. He's now kind, helpful, and wants to contribute to the village festival. However, his name is removed from the volunteer list because of past behaviour. This exclusion deeply upsets him. With support from Sandy the Dragon Lawyer, Grizzle takes the matter to court, where the judge affirms that everyone deserves a second chance. The story highlights the importance of inclusion, rehabilitation, and fair access to community life.

Training Focus Areas

1. **Inclusion and Second Chances**
 - Why is participation in community activities essential for wellbeing?
 - How can care settings model forgiveness and inclusion?
 2. **Challenging Discrimination Based on the Past**
 - What rights protect people from exclusion based on historical behaviour?
 - How do we balance risk with fairness?
 3. **Creating Meaningful Belonging**
 - How do we ensure people feel welcome, not just present?
 - What practical steps help reintegrate those who have been isolated?
 4. **The Law and Equal Participation**
 - What does the Equality Act say about exclusion from community life?
 - How do we uphold the right to contribute and be seen?
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Discussion Questions

- Have you ever seen someone excluded because of their past? Was it fair?
- What does meaningful participation look like in a care setting?
- How can we support reintegration for people who have made mistakes?
- What would a second-chance culture look like in your team?

Practical Actions

- **Role Play:** Practise responding to a colleague who wants to exclude someone based on past behaviour—challenge with dignity and rights.
 - **Reflective Task:** Think of one person in your setting who might feel left out. How could you invite or involve them more?
 - **Weekly Challenge:** Choose a community activity this week and ensure it includes voices or people who are often overlooked.
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Key Learning Outcome

Everyone deserves a chance to belong. Participation is a right, and care settings must actively support inclusion and community access.

How to Use This Resource

Use during team meetings, inclusion training, or safeguarding reflections. Grizzle’s story promotes second chances and reminds teams to look beyond the past.

Date:

Time:

Place:

Name of presenter:

Names of staff in attendance:

Name of service users taking the lesson:

Feedback: