

Top Ten Websites for Training in Digital Storytelling

1: <http://www.techsoup.org/learningcenter/training/archives/page10096.cfm>

Techsoup.org gives an excellent overview of the process of DS in 10 steps.

2:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/audiovideo/sites/yourvideo/pdf/aguidetodigitalstorytelling-bbc.pdf>

– is an in-depth and honest training document from the Capture Wales team, which covers a variety of aspects of DS, from setting up a workshop, to delivering one. This 47 page linear document is designed both for storytellers and facilitators and serves well as a bible for DS users.

3: <http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/raw/pdf/tutormanual.pdf> – is another training manual, developed by the BBC Telling Lives team and funded by the North West Learning Skills Council and NIACE. It contains an excellent guide to storytelling circle activities. It also gives comprehensive advice about editorial issues and legal matters.

4: <http://dsi.kqed.org/index.php/workshops/about/C66> – Professionally produced tutorials in the process of DS, split into sub-sections. I liked the way the tutorial deals with “restorying” life’s experiences. This set of tutorials deals with Apple’s iPhoto and iMovie applications.

5: <http://www.aberth.com/blog/ds6-digital-storytelling-conference-review-2011.html>

Excellent blog on DS from Gareth Morlais, BBC, paying specific reference to DS6; the DS Festival of Wales, 2011.

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6: <http://www.photobus.co.uk/?id=534> – Daniel Meadows own website. Click on the Digital Storytelling tab to reveal examples of stories, a description of DS and a number of useful links and publications.

7: http://www.microsoft.com/education/teachers/guides/digital_storytelling.aspx – Microsoft's take on DS, mainly aimed at classroom practice in school and with a distinctly American feel. It is geared towards the use of Powerpoint, Photo Story and Movie Maker applications. It is well-laid out and packed with links to other useful sites. It will open as an ebook (pdf). Keep a couple of hours free to explore this one!

8: http://www.adobe.com/education/instruction/adsc/pdf/digital_storytelling.pdf – this document uses high language and advanced educational techniques to instruct the process, uses and techniques of DS. I found some of the concepts a little too advanced for the type of DS we are engaging in, but it is well worth reading if one wants to look at advanced pedagogical issues, like the “Baker's dozen of DS skills” and the “Six elements of good storytelling”. This pdf is especially useful for teachers of college/university students who might consider DS as a tool for demonstrating learning.

9: <http://www.kitchcat.com/dstory/checklist> – is a list of equipment needed for workshops. A useful checklist before embarking on your own story.

10: <http://www.jasonohler.com/storytelling/index.cfm> – Jason Ohler offers tips on teaching digital storytelling in the classroom. Another site that would be better used by teachers than students.

Websites containing stories for viewing

<http://murmurtoronto.ca/index.php>

<http://edinburgh.murmur.info/>

Short stories from Toronto and Edinburgh. Murmur ear shaped signs are dotted around Toronto and Edinburgh; you can text the number on these signs and the story from that specific place will be sent to your mobile phone to listen to.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/arts/yourvideo/category_index.shtml – the Capture Wales archives, and links to others/partners. This site links to a huge collection of digital stories.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/tellinglives/> – Part of the BBC's range of Digital Stories. I like the layout even though it has not been updated since August 2005. It is simple and full of stories; a good source if you are looking for a place to listen to Digital Stories

<http://www.storycenter.org/stories/> – The Centre for Digital Storytelling is an international non-profit training, project development and research organization based in Berkeley, California. This is Joe Lambert's organisation and has some lovely stories to view, conforming to the longer, American standard of about 3 minutes and containing music.

<http://www.digitalstoriesyale.co.uk> – The current Yale College DS Website.

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