



Disability Positive Storytelling for Change



Who are we?

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**"Any observant local
knows more than any
visiting scientist. Always.
No exceptions."**

– ROGER PAYNE, BIOLOGIST

Who are you?
(and why do you do this work?)



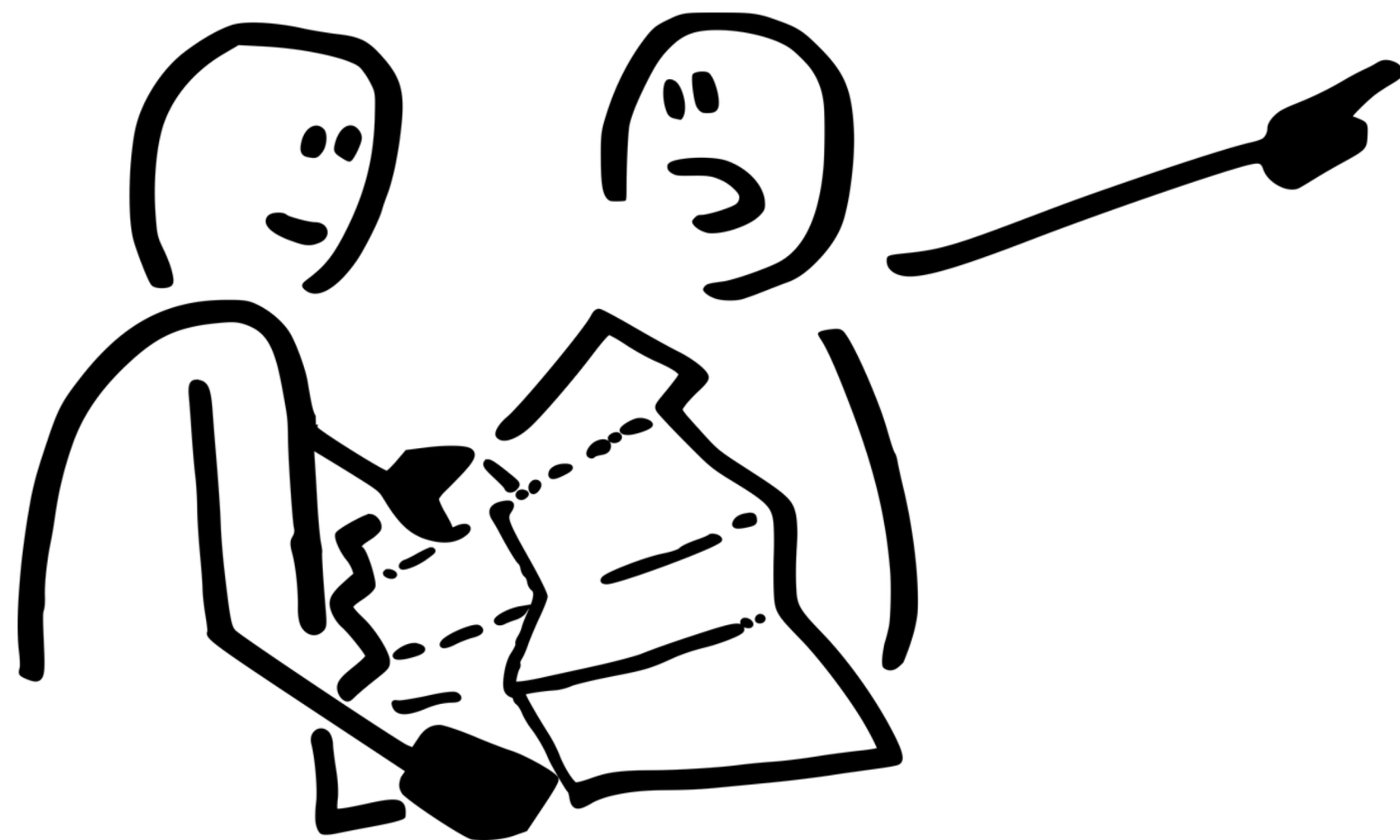
**What change do
we hope to
make?**

**(and how will we know if
we got there?)**



Our Vision Statement

**Are we
there yet?**



What's ahead

- + The power of storytelling
- + Whose story do you hold?
- + Storytelling activity (small group)
 - + Story share (large group)
 - + Wrap up!

- Empathize
- Connect
- **Imagine**

Power of Storytelling

"... The world changes according to the way people see it, and if you alter, even by a millimeter, the way... people look at reality, then you can change it."

– JAMES BALDWIN, AUTHOR



Storytelling has the power to shift how we think, feel, and act.

**Whose
story do
you hold?**



**"We only fear people
whose stories we don't
know."**

– MARGARET WHEATLEY, AUTHOR



Nothing like me

Just like me



Nothing like me:

Repellers
Distractors

Words matter.

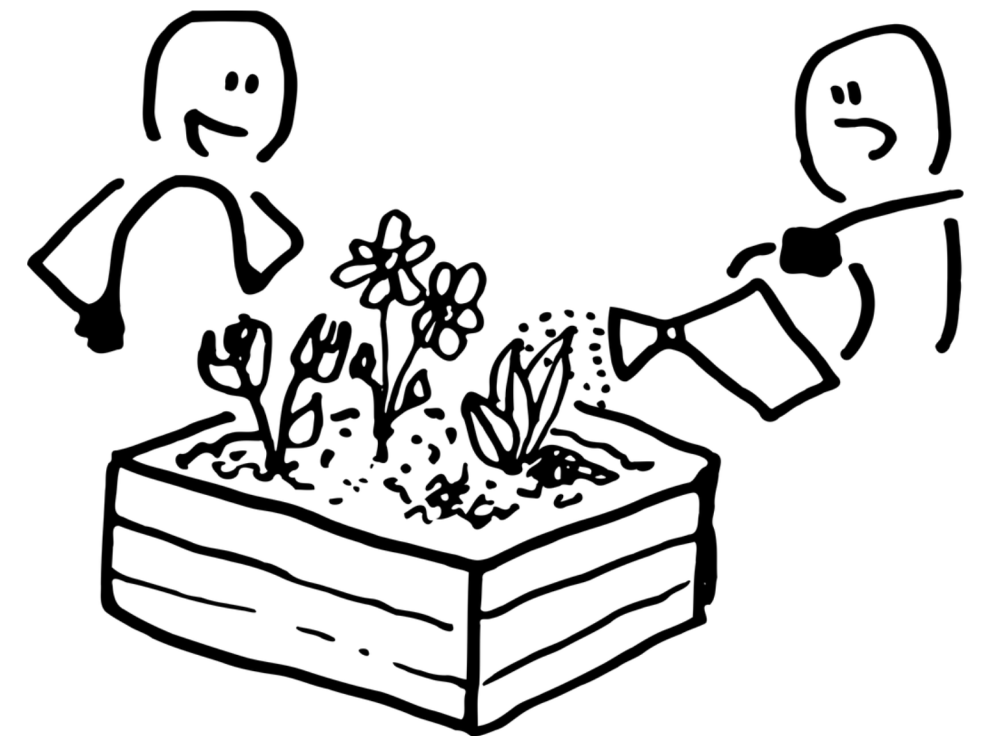
Just like me:

Attractors

We are the filter.

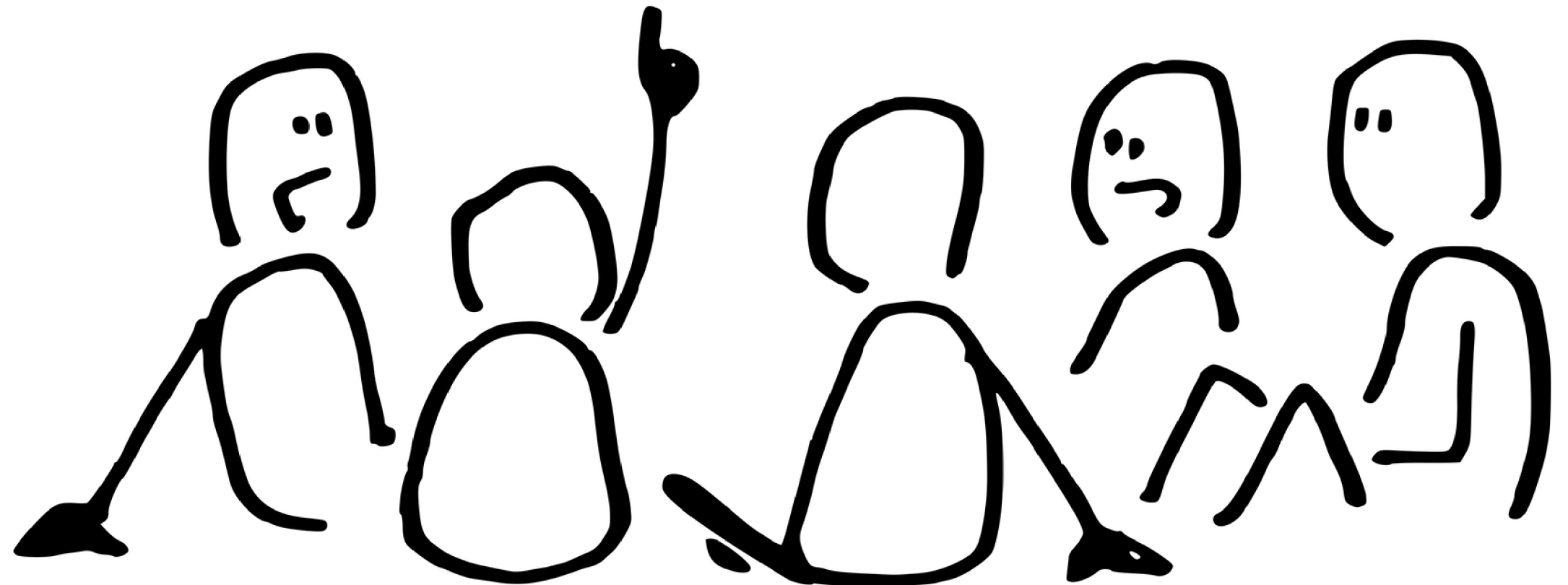
We know our vision.

**POSITIVE FILTER + VISION =
STORIES THAT CREATE CHANGE.**





Let's tell a story!



**"Inclusion is...
unexpected stories about
people with disabilities
happening in unexpected
places"**

– JOHN O'BRIEN, AUTHOR

**Story
sharing**



**WE as storytellers, have the
power to shift how others
think, feel, and act.**

Thank you.

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