

## Ag Innse Sgeulachdan

Hello, I'm Magaidh Smith and I'm going to give you some top tips for telling your own stories.

### **Tip 1 - Make eye contact with your audience**

Make sure you keep eye contact with your audience because when you make direct eye contact that brings them into your story with you. If you look away, that takes them away from the story. The aim is to connect with the audience and bring them into your story.

### **Tip 2 - Use your voice**

Use your voice in different ways. Speak quietly and slowly when telling dark and dangerous stories. If you're good at accents use them. Make sure to use your voice, a loud, large voice and a small, soft voice. Use your imagination to create each character and bring them to life in your mind.

### **Tip 3 - Use your facial expressions**

This is great for storytelling! It's useful for bringing your story to life. Use your face to demonstrate the feelings in your story. If you look sad, or you're crying or if you look as happy as a shoe the audience are more likely to feel the emotions in the story.

### **Tip 4 - Use your body**

Actors are great at using their body for storytelling but don't worry about doing that. You can use your hands or fingers. This can be a great help for telling your story. You can nod your head from side to side if that's helpful or you think a character would do that. Don't be afraid to do this. Come closer to the audience as well, they will then pay attention and listen to what you're saying.

### **Tip 5 - Make sure you're having fun!**

Make sure you choose a story that you enjoy and that it comes to life in your mind, the place, the characters and the way their speaking. If you enjoy the story and have fun telling it, your audience will have fun too! Go on, have a go at telling your story!