



## **Information for Storytellers**

### **Why do we want a StoryBank?**

We want to understand the situations of people across the UK who are in various forms of hardship and would rather hear these things from people in their own words than by asking them to complete a survey where we set the questions.

When people tell their story they choose which things about their lives they want to highlight and the words they want to use. That means it is truly *their* story.

### **What will you do with my story?**

We will ask you to complete a consent form that allows you to choose what we do with your story. There will be various types of consent according to the levels of personal privacy that you require. These will include different degrees of anonymity so you can be sure that your story is always used just as you say.

IFAN will use stories in various ways, but always work within your requirements for privacy.

- Our StoryBank will be available to IFAN member organisations from around the UK so that they can appreciate what people are going through in other parts of the country.
- Researchers will also have access to the stories in order to understand how things really are for those in the most challenging circumstances.
- Occasionally a story may be released to the press, but only if you have specifically said that you are happy for us to do this.

### **What if I change my mind?**

We want you to always be in control of the story you have told, so if you change your mind about having it in the StoryBank, you can tell us at any time and we will remove it. You can tell us this by emailing IFAN or by having a word with the person who collected and transcribed your story.