



# The voices and experiences of children with autism, and their families, in their transitions from nursery to primary school

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# The challenge



“Dominic has very limited social skills. He has great difficulty communicating and he finds it difficult to understand the implicit rules of social interaction and appropriate social behaviour. Within a group he becomes isolated and introverted and appears to shut himself off from the activity and language about him ... .. he is not yet able to play co-operatively or imaginatively with them (his peers) preferring to play on his own.”

# Our idea



'Digital stories derive their power by weaving images, music, narrative and voice together, thereby giving deep dimension and vivid color to characters, situations, experiences, and insights'

Leslie Rule, Digital Storytelling Association

# Digital Storytelling



## DIGITAL STORYTELLING COOKBOOK

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Oral traditions of Jewish and African cultures

A powerful means of expression for voices that may be difficult to hear or represent in typical ways

Empowerment, visibility, and agency



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# Shaping the future of educational technologies today: from prototypes to practice



The aim of this ESRC project was to contribute to shaping the future landscape of technology use for children on the autism spectrum in the classroom, and through this to contribute to educational advancement, emotional wellbeing and positive outcomes for children.



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# Our team



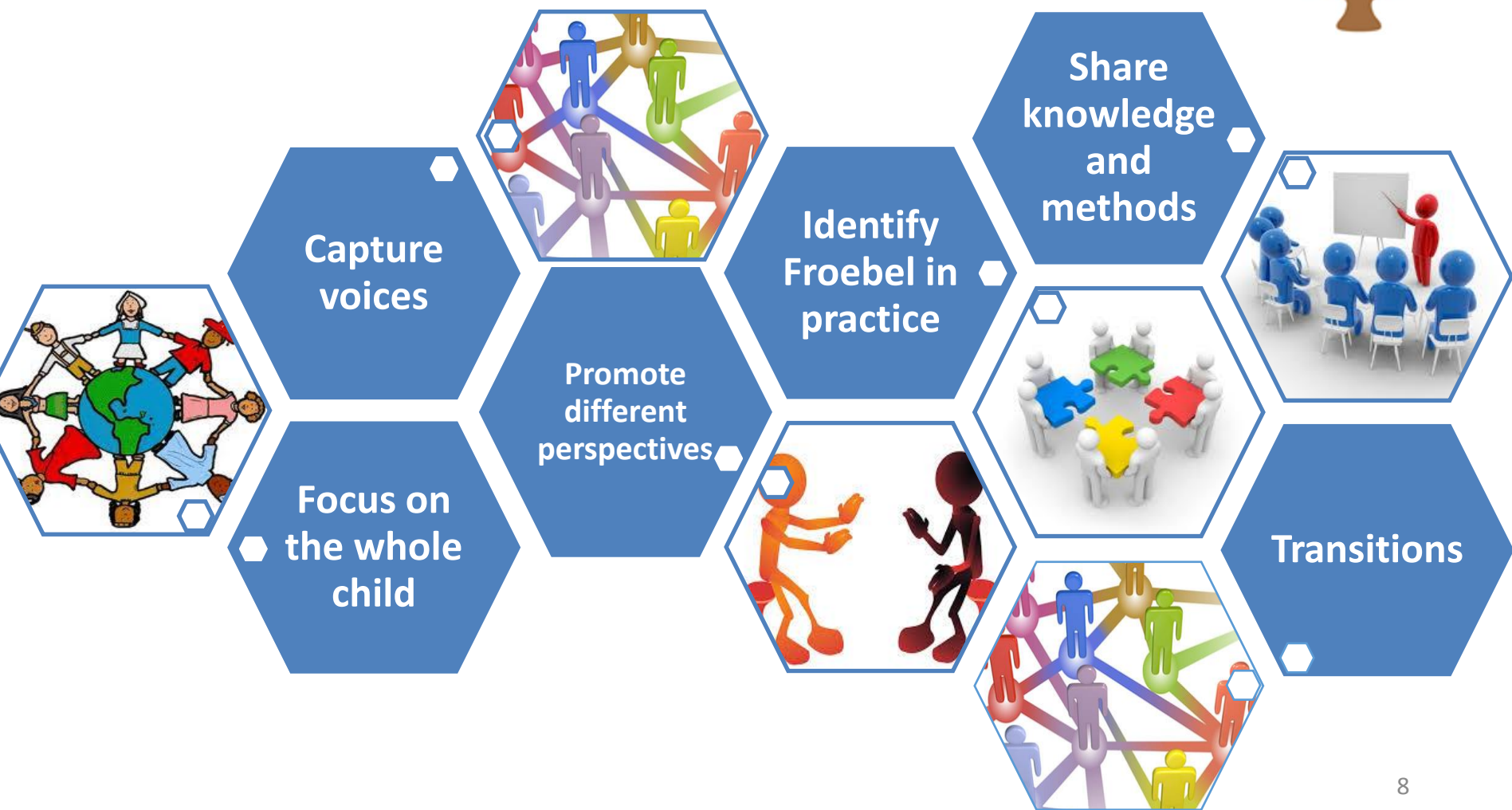
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# Our context

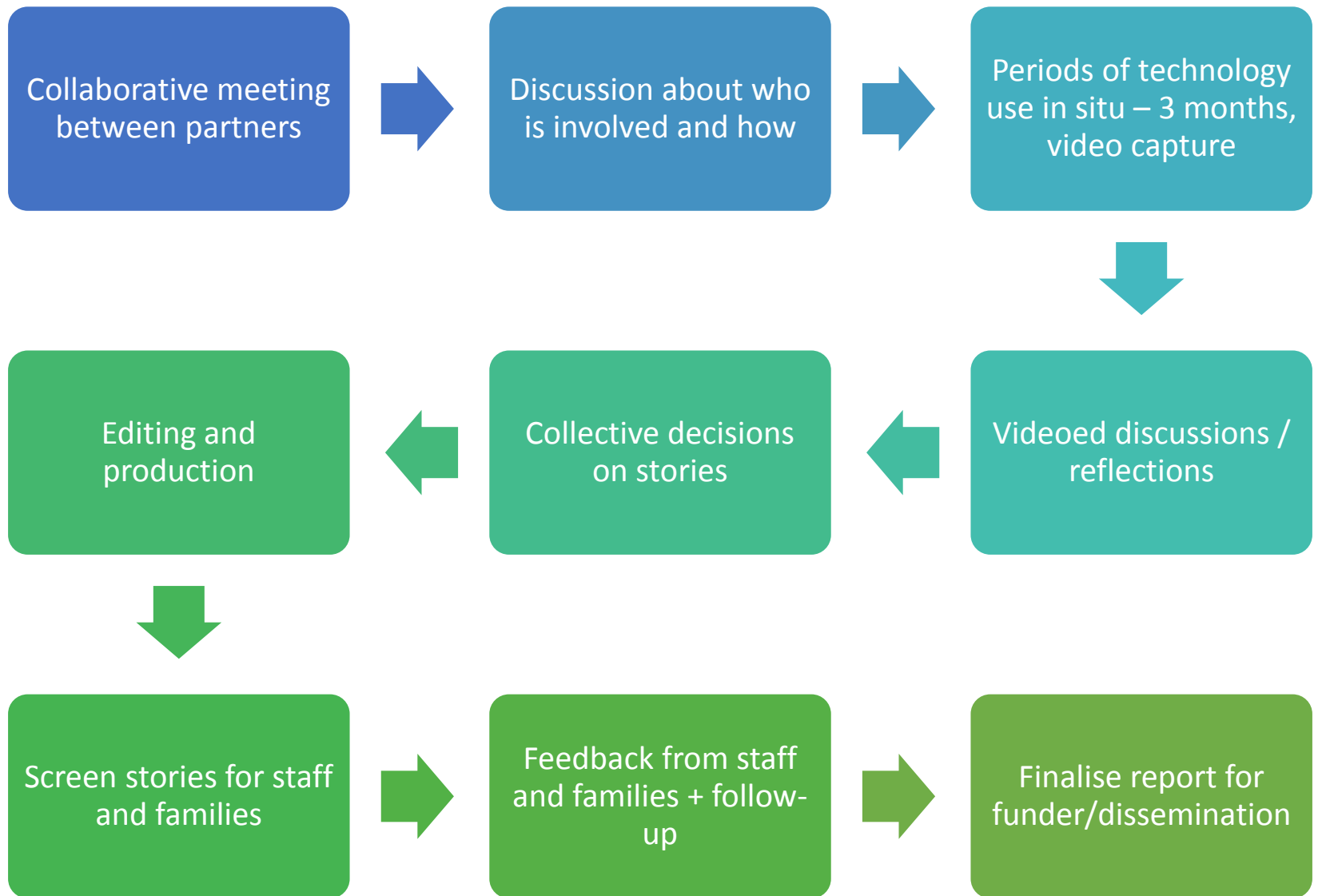


# Our aims for this project





# Process





# Overview of stories

- 'I am...' stories focusing on the children's perspectives
- 'This is [child's name]' stories from the perspectives of parents and the staff at the nursery
- Effective practices for supporting everyday transitions within the nursery
- Preparing for the transition to primary - parents' and practitioners' views
- The value of the digital stories from the perspectives of parents and practitioners



‘I am...’

‘Thoughts about the Digital Stories’







# Thank you

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