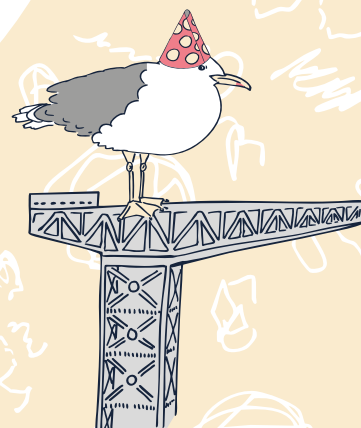
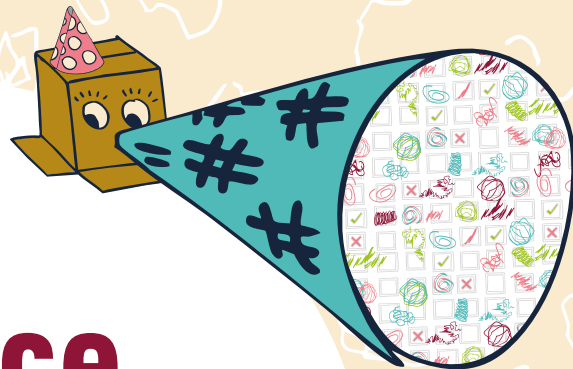


A Voice as Big as Any Other







Thank you to all of the babies, parents and staff from Glasgow City Council's Early Learning and Childcare settings who took part in Starcatchers' creative research-led project 'The Art of Listening to Babies'.

This book belongs to:

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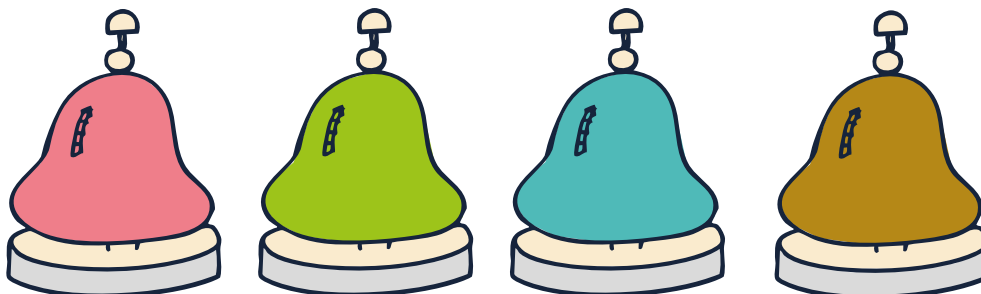
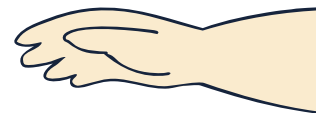
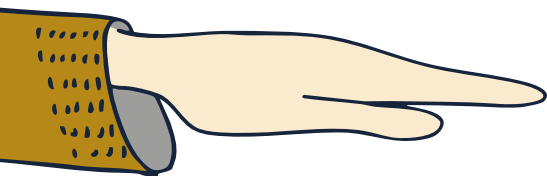
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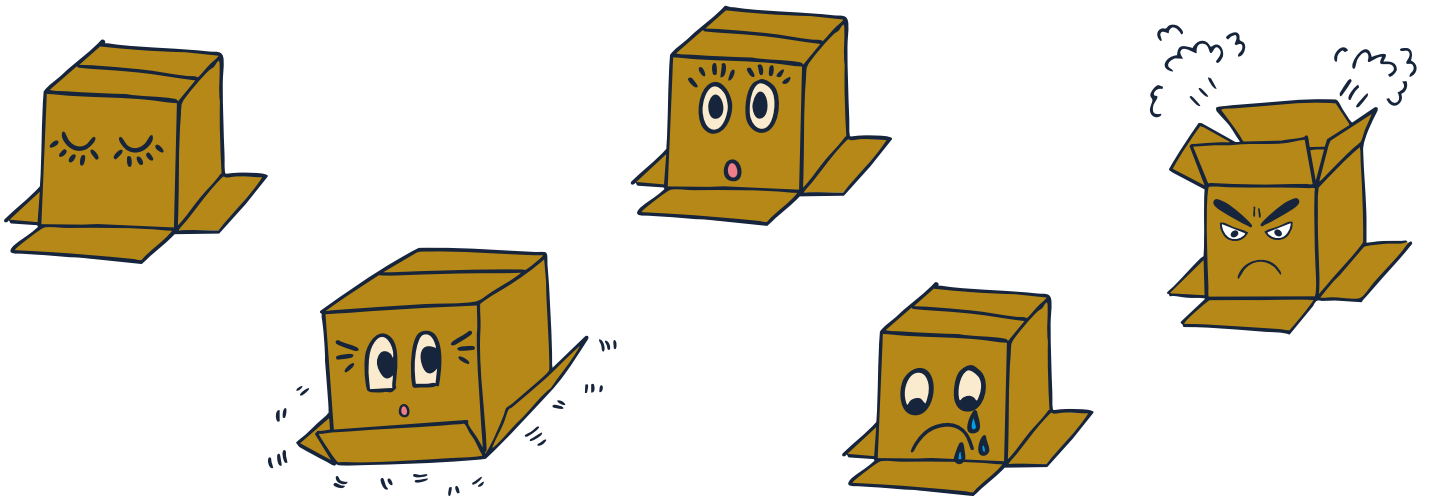


This is a story all about you.

You were born with a **VOICE** as big as any other.

Right from the start you were engaging
and connecting with the world.

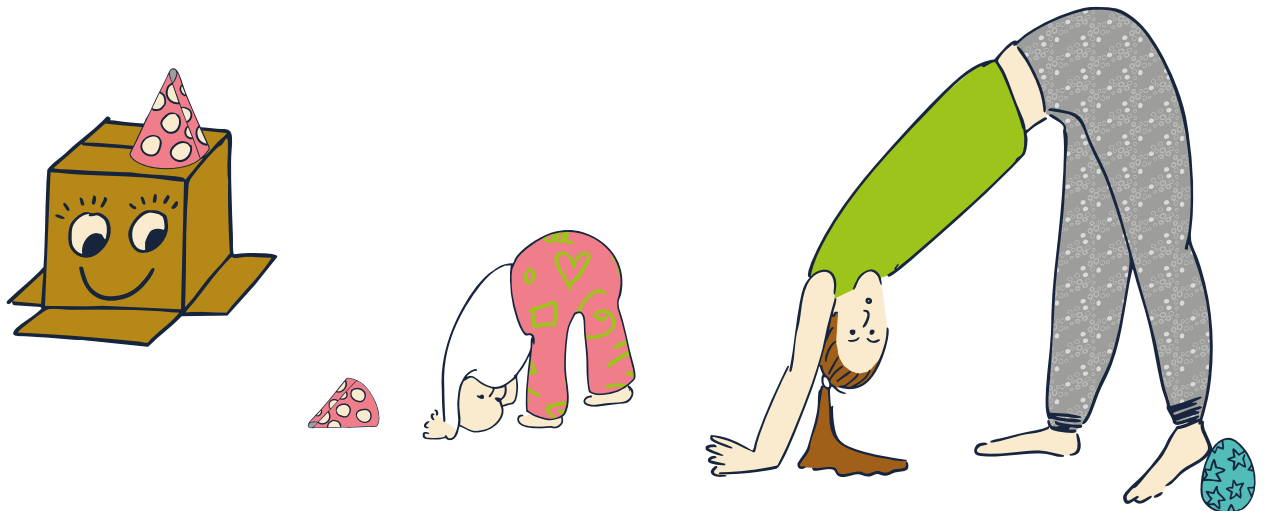




You spoke to us, with cries and coos and funny little faces.

You used your whole body to share your thoughts,
your feelings and your stories.

And you told us what you love and what you don't.

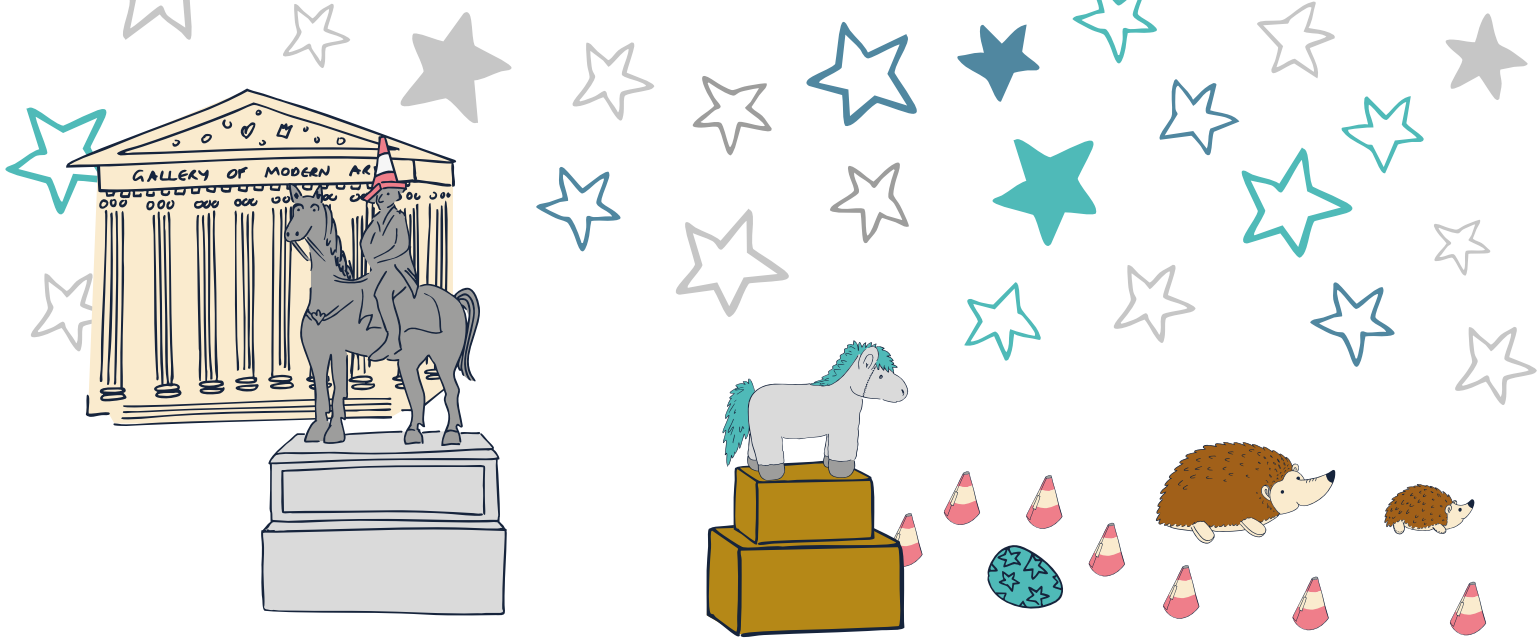


There are Big People who work in Big Buildings with Big Ideas, they look after our world, with laws and plans.

One day, they wondered – what's it like to be a wee baby?
A bairn? A wean?

The Big People needed to listen to Wee People with big voices,
but they didn't know how and filling in forms just wouldn't do.

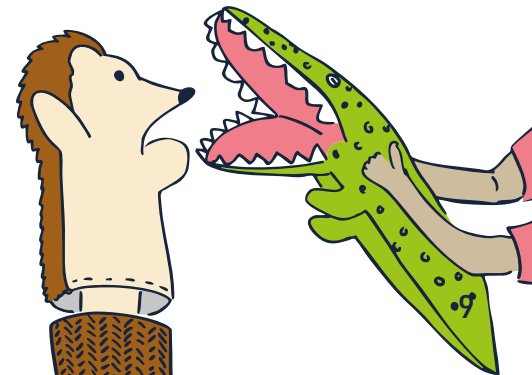




Along came Starcatchers, who loves to listen to
Wee People with big voices.

We popped into your nursery to see you, to listen
and play with you – the babies of Glasgow.

You are an expert in play, creativity and being you.



You used your big voice and told us what matters.

You love to be curious and play.

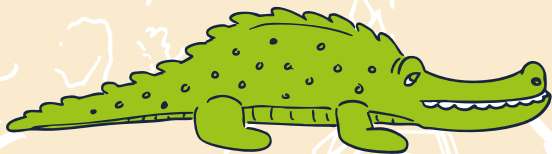
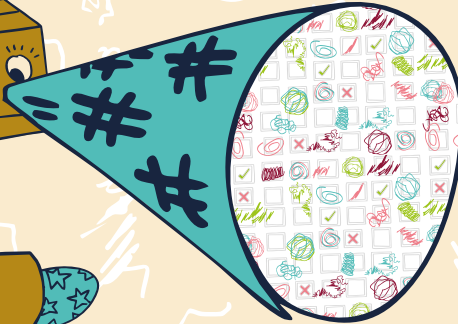
You want to climb, explore and discover.

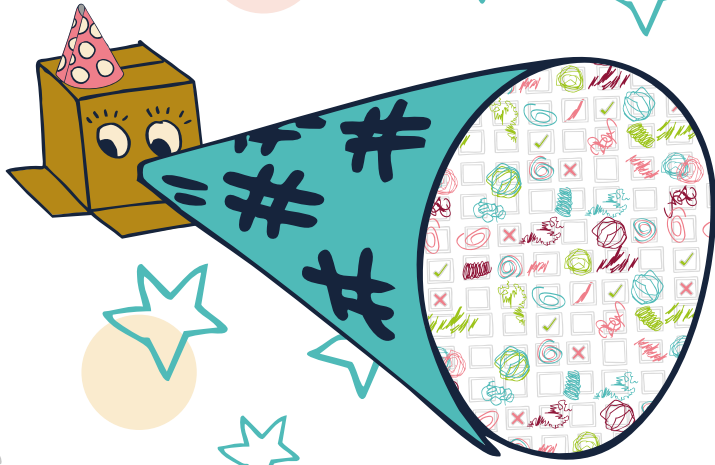
You love your family and need to feel safe.

You want choice and familiarity.

You need a Big Person who is caring and playful.

And sometimes you need time and space to be yourself.





You might not think one baby can change the world...

But when **your big voice** joins with other big voices,
everything is loud and clear.



Thanks to you when the Big People write their laws and plans,
they will include what you need too.

Now they know just how wonderful babies are, all because of you.

Such a big voice for such a Wee Person. **You can change the world.**

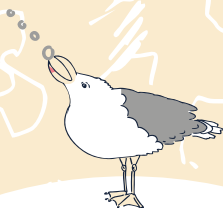




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Join us on a playful journey sharing
how important your wee one's
voice is and how their voice helped
influence and shape the experiences
for under 2s within ELC settings
in Glasgow.



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