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EVERY STORY(TELLER) MATTERS

HUMAN LIBRARIES AND MUTUAL RECOGNITION

INFOPACK

Life stories and their value for an inclusive society





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What is the project about and why is it important?

6 organisations from Turkey, Greece, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Denmark are implementing the EU project ***"Every Story(Teller) Matters - Human Libraries and Mutual Recognition"***. The ambition of this project is to empower young migrants, promote intercultural understanding and, by supporting local organisations and institutions working with migrants, help create an inclusive society where there is respect and understanding for all individuals.

The Human Library method is a communication method that builds bridges between people with different backgrounds and different ideas and worldviews. In traditional libraries, books are the main source of knowledge, but Human Libraries offer real people who become "books" who share their experiences, perspectives and stories with the participants who become "readers". This allows the "readers" to ask questions and create a conversation so that people gain a deeper understanding of others' experiences and challenges, building empathy, compassion and mutual respect.

The ambition is that this project will encourage dialogue between different cultures and raise awareness of the importance of creating spaces for communication to support and maintain an inclusive society.

Human Library Events

With this project we will organise five Human Library Events. A Human Library Event is a small event where selected "human books" share their life stories with a small group of "readers". The purpose of these Human Library Events is to create bridges and understanding between people.

Your story - a human book

We would love to hear your life story. Together with you, we will create a book from your story that you feel comfortable sharing with a small group of "readers". It's very important to us that you feel comfortable sharing your story. We will make sure that there are 5-6 readers present when you tell your story. We know that this creates a safe and intimate environment. We will prepare the readers before the event so that it runs smoothly and comfortably.

Just as it will be exciting for readers to hear your story, we also know that it is a unique opportunity for you as a book to share your story in a safe and cosy environment where "readers" are curious. So we hope this will be a rewarding experience for you.

The setup for your participation in this project

We would like to meet with you twice in July for a few hours to develop your book. In August we would like to organise two events where you and another 'book' can share your stories with a small group of 'readers'. The storytelling itself will usually take 30-40 minutes, followed by a break. You will then tell your story to a new group of readers for 30-40 minutes. The readers will be able to ask questions during the storytelling.

The event takes approximately 2 hours in total.



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Book cover on the project website

The project has a website (<https://everystorytellingmatters.eu/aboutus/>).

As part of the project, you will create an illustration that will become the cover of your book. You will also write a short summary of your book. With your permission, we will publish your book cover and summary on the project website. The cover and summary will not contain any personal or sensitive information that could identify the person behind the book.

Privacy and GDPR

It's important to us that you feel comfortable sharing your story. We know that your story is private, confidential and sensitive. Therefore, we want to make sure that readers are informed and understand that they cannot disclose or share your story.

Readers will sign a consent form before the event.