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EVERY STORY(TELLER) MATTERS

HUMAN LIBRARIES AND MUTUAL RECOGNITION

INFOPACK

Life stories and their value for an inclusive society



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.

Human books

We have found some people with fascinating life stories who are interested in being part of this project as human books. Together with them, we will create a book based on their stories, all touching on one or more of the following themes: overcoming prejudice; cultural shock; differences and similarities between host country and country of origin; cultural identity. Through their stories, the books wish to create a greater understanding and empathy for migrants in Denmark.

You as a reader – taking part in the the Human Library Events

In order to create dialogue and space for the exchange of experiences and perspectives, we need your participation as a reader. We want to create a safe space for the books and for you as readers, because we know from experience that the setting is important for positive and constructive contact.

For the event itself (the Human Library Event), 10-12 readers can participate. The readers will be divided into two groups. The group of 5-6 readers will sit together and meet one of the books who will share his/her story with them. The storytelling itself will take about 30-40 minutes. Then there will be a break. After the break, the group of readers will have the



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opportunity to read the second book. The readers have the opportunity to ask questions during the story reading.

The event takes approximately 2 hours in total.

Privacy and GDPR

The stories that the books share are private, confidential and sensitive. Therefore, it is important that the readers understand that they cannot disclose or share these stories. We will bring a consent form for the readers to sign.

Refreshments

We will provide snacks and drinks at the event.

The project website

If you want to read more about the project, you can visit the project website: (<https://everystoryteller matters.eu/aboutus/>).