

Every Story(Teller) Matters Human Libraries and Mutual Recognition

KICK-OFF MEETING

The project "Every Story (teller) Matters—Human Libraries and Mutual Recognition" was launched in Copenhagen, Denmark, on November 8th, 2023.

The mission of this project is to empower young migrants, foster intercultural understanding, and enhance the capacities of youth workers and educators for inclusive communities.



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MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

Six partners will implement the project simultaneously across six countries. This ambitious project is a testament to our commitment to an inclusive world.

1. Early Care International, Denmark
2. Associação Par – Respostas Sociais, Portugal
3. Ofensiva Tinerilor Asociatia, Romania
4. Neotalentway S.L., Spain
5. Center for Education and Innovation, Greece
6. Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Mersin Valiliği, Turkey



It was a productive kick-off meeting, during which responsibilities were clarified, and a timeline for the deliveries was set. The partners concluded the day feeling excited to embark on this important project, firmly believing it can contribute to building a more inclusive, empathetic, and unified society.

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YOUTH WORKER TRAINING COURSE

The Human Libraries methodology serves as a powerful communication tool fostering dialogue, empathy, and understanding among individuals from diverse backgrounds. In April 2024, Associação Par – Respostas Sociais in Setúbal, Portugal, hosted eighteen youth workers from six countries for training on Human Libraries. The course aspired to boost their skills, specifically focusing on migrant integration.



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MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

The mobility aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills to serve as effective librarians by engaging in various activities that encouraged self-reflection and storytelling. Participants delved into self-reflection, uncovering how assumptions hinder dialogue. They learned how to create safe spaces, aid others in storytelling, and become active listeners. Interactions led to shared experiences, revealing unexpected connections and promoting deeper understanding.



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MIDTERM TRANSNATIONAL MEETING

On 3-4 September 2024, the project consortium met in Volos, Greece for the midterm meeting. Six organisations from six countries came together for two productive days of work. The partners analysed the results of the first phase of the project, shared experiences of Human Libraries where storytelling was at the heart of building mutual understanding, and planned the next phase of the project.



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STRENGTHENING CROSS-COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP

The sharing of experiences and perspectives on the implementation of this project among the six organisations offers valuable lessons that will contribute to making the project even more inclusive and representative of diverse communities. In addition, the cross-country partnership was further strengthened as the midterm meeting fostered intercultural exchange and cross-cultural learning. Spending quality time with colleagues from the project consortium deepens the collaboration.



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YOUNG IMMIGRANTS MOBILITY

An immersive training program designed to enhance intercultural competences through the art of storytelling took place this October in Arad, Romania. Ofensiva Tinerilor hosted Young Immigrants Mobility and for eight days, participants from six countries engaged in a variety of activities aimed to explore personal and cultural identities, developing communication skills, and fostering empathy and active listening.



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MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

The mobility aimed to build intercultural competence by exploring personal and cultural identities through storytelling, enhancing communication skills essential for meaningful dialogue, developing empathy and active listening. Participants learned to recognize and challenge stereotypes, embrace cultural humility in various contexts, and craft personal narratives that capture their intercultural experiences. With support, they will also design a book that showcases their storytelling journey and insights into intercultural understanding.



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FINAL MEETING - TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING IN GRANADA, SPAIN

The participants of the Every Story(Teller) Matters - Human Libraries and Mutual Recognition project gathered in Granada, Spain, on 7-8 October 2025. The meeting, organised by Neotalentway S.L., brought together representatives from Denmark, Portugal, Romania, Greece, Spain, and Türkiye to assess the project's progress, review the outcomes, and strategise the final steps prior to conclusion.



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FINAL MOMENTS, LASTING IMPACT

The coordinator organization, Early Care International, presented the project's achievements and provided the financial overview. The partners discussed the preparation of final report and agreed to provide their national contributions for it by 30 November, 2025.

Neotalentway delivered updates regarding the project's quality plan, toolkit and data analysis and all partners exchanged information on the multiplier events. The partners agreed to collaborate to sustain the platform, disseminate the outcomes and publish an article regarding the project's human library experiences.

The meeting highlighted the project's achievement in promoting empathy, dialogue and mutual understanding among the youth.



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