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EVERY STORY(TELLER) MATTERS
HUMAN LIBRARIES AND MUTUAL RECOGNITION

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PRESS RELEASE #1

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Every Story(Teller) Matters
Human Libraries and
Mutual Recognition

The EStM-HLMR project focuses on empowering young immigrants, equipping youth workers with new methodologies, and sensitizing the local community through the Human Library concept. It creates inclusive spaces for dialogue, mutual recognition, and social inclusion, promoting diversity at its core.

WORK PACKAGES

- WP1** - Project Management
- WP2** - Youth Workers Intercultural Development
- WP3** - Young Immigrants Capacitation
- WP4** - Human Libraries Implementation
- WP5** - Data Analysis and Tool Kit
- WP6** - Dissemination

TARGET GROUPS AND CONSORTIUM

The project targets young migrants aged 16 to 30 and youth workers. Partners from Denmark, Greece, Romania, Spain, Portugal, and Turkey are collaborating to implement the project.



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PRESS RELEASE #2

STATUS OF THE PROJECT

The project "Every Story(Teller) Matters - Human Libraries and Mutual Recognition", which was launched on 1 September 2023, has now completed the first project phase. The results were analysed and discussed during the mid-term meeting in Greece on 3-4 September 2024. Human Libraries have been held in the six countries that are part of the project consortium, and valuable lessons have been shared among the partners about the preparation and implementation of these events.

We are currently preparing for the next mobility in Romania: The Power of a Story. It will take place from 6 to 15 October, 2024

On the digital platform
(<https://everystorytellermatters.eu/>), you can find:



- 1) A timetable for when and where Human Libraries will take place across six countries.
- 2) Video recordings with testimonials from individuals who became books and shared their story to a group of participants who became readers. The testimonials portray the reactions of the books and the readers.
- 3) An article "Are You Good At Reading People?" which has been co-written by Youth Workers.
- 4) Information about the project partners, the project, newsletters and press-releases.

* All information on the platform is translated into:
Spanish, Turkish, Greek, Portuguese, Danish and Romanian.



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PRESS RELEASE #3

"How to implement human libraries" pack of webinars

The pack of online Webinars "How to Implement Human Libraries" was held by Associação Par-Respostas Sociais, in four different sessions in June 2024. The topics covered during the sessions: intercultural inclusion and the role of the Human Libraries methodology in it; the planning, preparation, implementation and facilitation of Human Libraries Events; and the sustainability of these events and the methodology. A total of 93 people registered for the webinars, with participants from 14 different countries. For most of them, it was the first time they had come into contact with the Human Libraries methodology.

The feedback from the participants was very positive, showing that they found the sessions very useful and interesting, leaving us with the hope that they will be inspired to put the methodology into practice in more and different contexts!

If you missed the webinars, you can find the recordings here:
<https://everystoryteller matters.eu/>



"Power of MY story" pack of webinars

The "Power of My Story" webinar series, held from November 2024 to January 2025 by Ofensiva Tinerilor, focused on storytelling, human libraries, and intercultural inclusion. The three sessions explored topics such as introducing human libraries, storytelling for personal development, and a live online human library presentation.

The series successfully attracted a total of 68 participants. As the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, many participants discovered the topics for the first time gained fresh insights and those already familiar with the concepts shared valuable ideas, further enriching the discussions.



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PRESS RELEASE #4

STATUS QUO OF THE HUMAN LIBRARIES EVENTS

In Human Libraries real people become "Books"! Books who share their experiences, perspectives and stories with participants, who become "Readers". This allows Readers to engage in conversations with Books, allowing a deeper understanding of other people's experiences and challenges, building empathy, compassion and mutual respect.

The Human Libraries events were the moments when we put this powerful methodology into practice! In the project's six partner countries - Denmark, Turkey, Romania, Spain, Greece and Portugal - migrant people were invited to build their Book and tell their story, out loud, in the first person, to a group of Readers.

"Taking part in this project helped me take ownership of my story and strengthened my identity and resilience as an immigrant."

-A Book



Over the last months of the project, 35 Human Libraries events have been implemented - 26 face-to-face and 9 online - 50 Books have been built and 533 Readers have been reached. These were constructive and inspiring experiences, which represented empowering processes for the migrants and great learning and deconstruction for the Readers. For us, the teams, it was also very enriching and we will work to multiply this methodology and continue to bring people and communities together.

Want to know the Book covers and synopses? Learn more about the methodology and help us multiply it? **Visit our digital platform below!**



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EVERY STORY(TELLER) MATTERS TOOLKIT

The Every Story Teller Matters Toolkit is a practical resource designed to help youth workers, educators and organisations promote social inclusion and intercultural work with young people.

Developed in the context of the project, this toolkit brings together proven methodologies such as the Human Libraries, storytelling and intercultural competence development, offering structured guidance for application in formal and non-formal educational contexts.

Its content is based on real experiences gained throughout the project and local activities carried out by project partners.

By combining easy and simple explanations of concepts with engaging formats such as videos, infographics and templates, it enhances educators' ability to create inclusive, participatory and diverse learning environments.



This toolkit offers all the resources needed to foster intercultural inclusion in youth work. It offers clear, ready-to-use materials that make it easy for youth workers to integrate intercultural learning into their programmes.

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PRESS RELEASE #6

THE FINAL CHAPTER OF EVERY STORY(TELLER) MATTERS - HUMAN LIBRARIES AND MUTUAL RECOGNITION

**The project ends
but the stories we
have shared will
continue to speak!**

**"Empathy is about finding
echoes of another
person in yourself."
Mohsin Hamid**

Partners from Türkiye, Greece, Portugal, Romania, and Denmark gathered in Granada, Spain, for the final transnational project meeting of Every Story(teller) Matters - Human Libraries and Mutual Recognition. The meeting was hosted by the Spanish partner, Neotalentway S.L., who provided a productive and well-organised environment for discussions and collaboration.

Participants updated one another on the status of multiplier events in their respective countries, examined the project's overall accomplishments, and discussed the final report's production.

The project's partners assessed the outcomes of the dissemination activities, such as the effectiveness of the digital platform and the reach achieved through social media.

FROM COMPLETION TO CONTINUATION

An academic essay presenting observations and testimonies from the human library events will be published in open-access publications to broaden the project's academic and social impact. The partners will keep using the Human Library methodology in their future youth programs in an effort to foster empathy, inclusion, and dialogue.

The partners will complete the final report and dissemination deliverables by the end of December 2025.

In December, an online closing meeting will be conducted to officially conclude the project and to continue collaboration among partners beyond the project's lifespan.



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