



Stories Volunteers Network

YoMEM, Young Messengers of European Memory



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Why this network?

The network aims to make young, passionate volunteers the active protagonists in exploring the memories tied to European life experiences and social change, as well as in collecting stories related to today's Europe. Through the commitment of volunteers from different European countries, the Network will aim to promote the active participation of the youngest in collecting and activating all those experiences that have contributed and still contribute to forming the European identity, participating, at the same time, in the creation of a new international dialogue on social issues of most urgent importance.

Members of the network

The Stories Volunteers Network is an initiative set up by the project YoMEM, Young Messengers of European Memory, Erasmus plus Project KA2 -Youth, N. 2020-2-IT03-KA205-019585.

The organizations that took part in the project are:

- **Storie di Mondi Possibili** (Italy)
- **Cemea** (Italy)
- **Real Time** (UK)
- **Pro Xpert** (Romania)

- **Mobilizing Expertise AB** (Sweden)
- **M3Cube** (France)
- **Stop** (Poland)

The Network is made up of all those people passionate about collecting stories and sharing them with the world. For this reason, the group of volunteers sees its strength in the expansion of its borders, and it is open to collaboration and involvement of **new organizations** and **new volunteers**.

Who are the volunteers?

The Stories Volunteers Network is an **international group** formed by young people of different ages, nationalities and cultural backgrounds, united by a strong passion for life stories, and a desire to enhance the values of a United Europe.

What do the volunteers do?

- ❖ They **collect** stories related to personal experiences of Europe, such as "My first experience of Europe", or personal experiences of European historical events, and above all, stories and experiences of social change in Europe, stories that tell us about what needs to be changed, and about what we can do for a better Europe.
- ❖ They **discuss** the most disparate social issues and choose the topic they want to delve into by researching and collecting stories in collaboration with the international group. In this way, they actively contribute to the discussion on the topics they care about the most, while also helping to expand the conversation beyond their local and national contexts.

- ❖ Through the “Learning by stories” section, they have the possibility to **engage** with life stories told by others by creating contents which start from the stories uploaded to the StoryAp archive.
- ❖ They **animate** the stories and bring them as a gift to the community by organising events for sharing stories, such as story readings, screenings, moments of reflection and in-depth study of issues related to the values of Europe.
- ❖ They can **participate** for free in training events and European meetings set up and provided for the volunteers.

Why become a Story Volunteer?

- ❖ To preserve the stories of people of all ages from oblivion.
- ❖ To contribute to the knowledge of forgotten or little-known realities.
- ❖ To explore the most relevant social issues of our time and to engage with the realities of the other countries involved.
- ❖ To contribute to social change in Europe, in defence of the values of solidarity, equality, social justice.

How to become a volunteer of the stories?

To join the **Stories Volunteer Network**, just send a request to the email addresses provided below with a short presentation. Additionally, please attach a photo, as this will be used to create your profile in the network, to connect you with other volunteers.

StoryAP – Stories Volunteers

The Stories Volunteers Network is part of a largest network of volunteers linked to the StoryAP portal and connected to different European project experiences.

Network management

- ❖ The Network will be organized around the creation of a **steering committee** consisting of one representative from each organization involved. In fact, each of the organizations that will take part in the story-gathering activities will choose from among their staff members or volunteers a person whose purpose will be to represent their group and to act as its representative in matters of management and monitoring of the activities. At first, the management committee will consist of seven people, but this will be expanded by the integration of new members each time a new organization takes part in the Network to ensure full representation.

- ❖ The Network will also see the organization of periodic **international remote meetings** between volunteers and the members of the committee which will have the aim of:
 - discuss the issues to be addressed;
 - monitor the progress of activities;
 - share new story collection tools;
 - organize moments of sharing experiences;
 - collect feedback and suggestions.

- ❖ The Network will make use of a number of **tools**, including:
 - a dedicated digital space for sharing stories collected by the Network on **YoMEM website**;
 - a dedicated digital space for sharing stories collected by the Network on the **StoryAp** digital archive;

- an **Instagram** page dedicated to the Network, where international communication will be promoted;
- **cloud** sharing spaces (Google, DropBox etc.);
- an identification **badge** for each of the story volunteers.

Ethical Code

The conduct of each Stories volunteer must at all times demonstrate an interest in acting in full compliance with the principles of inclusion and non-discrimination. For this reason, each member of the group undertakes to avoid any behaviour that could damage the dignity of third parties. This document aims to illustrate the responsibilities of each person involved in the various activities of the Network regarding compliance with its founding principles as well as the protection of confidentiality of sensitive information.

By joining the Network, each volunteer undertakes to:

- follow practices relating to confidentiality and information sharing;
- avoid any form of discrimination regarding age, race, sex, religion, nationality, opinion and thought;
- always use inclusive and non-discriminatory language;
- report any inappropriate, offensive, racist or abusive behavior identified.

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