

# LISTEN Newsletter No. 3

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Storytelling is a wonderful way to playfully learn to use a language and to express oneself. LISTEN offers a storytelling-based approach to stimulate personal development and learning of refugees that have to establish themselves in their new host countries, often under very difficult conditions. Storytelling has the potential to unite different groups in a community because of being interactive, immediate and personal. Through storytelling trust can be built between people, creating the conditions to exchange freely, and through sharing (life) stories, a bond develops that helps to overcome the focus on difference and to discover the commons of our human experience.

#### WHAT IS YOUR STORY? - The LISTEN AWARDS



The LISTEN partners invite you to take part in the LISTEN Awards. We are looking for stories – fictional or real ones – told by refugees and migrants. The story can be a memory, a self-created story, a fairytale, legend or myth.

The LISTEN Awards celebrate refugees' and migrants' stories – about themselves, their experience, their culture and their ideas – to help to build bridges between them and their receiving communities.

#### Who can participate?

The competition is targeted to all refugees and migrants as well as trainers/multipliers and volunteers working with refugees and migrants.

#### How to participate?

You can enter the competition with a story that is your story or an invented one. It can be a memory that you want to share, a fairytale, a legend from your home country ... any story that you are ready to share and to record.

It needs only five steps to participate:

- Read all information on the website: http://listen.bupnet.eu/award
- Fill in the submission form provided on the website
- Upload your story.
- Submit.
- Maybe win?



# When can you start submitting your story?

You can submit your story from now till August 31st, 2018.

## What do we expect from your story?

We collect all kind of non-fictional and fictional stories that meet the following criteria:

- Duration: 2 to 5 minutes
- S Languages: German, Greek, English, French, Italian, Swedish
- Recorded story (audio file: mp3, ogg, aac)

Feel free to add sound or music to your story – this is not mandatory and will not give extra points but might make your story more vivid.

## And the award goes to...

Your story will be evaluated by an independent jury according to the following criteria. Your story:

- has a story structure (with beginning, middle/climax, end)
- contains a message
- creates a bond with the listener
- has relevance with the LISTEN context

## What can you win?

The jury will nominate two winners — one for the fictional and one for the non-fictional stories. You can win precious prizes such as smartphone or headphones.

With your permission your story will become part of our LISTEN collection of (life) stories.

Find more information on the award here: <a href="http://listen.bupnet.eu/award/">http://listen.bupnet.eu/award/</a>

#### The LISTEN Label



The LISTEN label is a European quality label that was developed by the LISTEN partners. It is based on the positive impact of applied storytelling activities on the linguistic, expressive and intercultural competences of involved refugees and migrants, on the one hand, and on the bond that these activities create among them and their receiving communities, on the other hand. The label is meant to provide a clear signal that an organisation has given space to refugees to tell, and maybe broadcast, their stories. It shows the commitment in

working with refugees and providing space for their stories.

If you want to know how to get the label, visit our website: http://listen.bupnet.eu/label/



# Who is behind LISTEN

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