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# Social Inclusion Toolbox for Schools



# WHAT is MYS?

**MYS** stands for **Me** and **Your** **Stories**!

We are creating the **MYS Toolbox**, a set of innovative multimedia storytelling resources for use in schools across Europe to foster social inclusion through education.

The goal of **MYS** is to improve understanding, challenge prejudice and nurture a positive **learning environment** in the classroom. We want to encourage mutual respect between our learners and to build **common values** in school communities.

## Storytelling and much more

**MYS** brings together expertise of six partner organisations in Storytelling, Multimedia Advocacy, Human Rights Education and Critical Thinking. The MYS team comes from Austria, Slovakia, Romania, UK and Germany.

**MYS** is an inclusive, collaborative project founded upon the principles of **Universal Design for Learning** and **Person-Centred Thinking**.

**MYS** is an 'Erasmus+' European Project that runs from 2019 to 2021.

# WHY is MYS needed?

## Social Inclusion

Learners often do not know each other well, even though they work together in the same school community.

Many of the stories about our learners' lives are untold. Their personal experiences are neither captured or shared in the classroom, their **diverse backgrounds remain hidden** and their views and wishes undiscovered.

The Me and Your Stories Project provides methods and tools to enrich learning by exploring and sharing the **unique life-experience** of each of our learners.

## Learn to live together

'Learn to live together!' is one of the UNESCO's four pillars of education and this is a United Nations Global Goal for Quality Education.

The **diversity** of social origin, mother tongue, family structure, or personal experience of gender and disability within every school community represents a **treasure to be celebrated** and a valuable learning resource.



# HOW does MYS work?

# MYS timeline

## The MYS Toolbox for schools

At the centre of the project is the **MYS Toolbox** for multimedia storytelling, packed full of inclusive tools that will empower learners to **tell, re-tell and share each-others' stories** in imaginative and compelling ways.

The **MYS Toolbox** provides a variety of lesson plans on topics like Family & Friends, Identity & Culture, Hobbies & Interests, Heroes & Role Models, Needs & Rights and Worldview.

The MYS approach is focused on:

**'My perspective on your story'** and  
**'Your perspective on my story'**.

## Multimedia Creativity Kit

The integrated Multimedia Toolkit offers a rich variety of techniques – ranging from filmmaking to sound and eBook production, the use of augmented reality, storytelling apps, drama, animation and more.

The **MYS Toolbox** is an assorted array of inclusive resources, co-developed with teachers and learners, available for everyone on the **Me and Your Stories Website**.

- » **Jan - Sept 2019**  
Developing the MYS Toolbox
- » **23. - 25. Oct 2019**  
European Teacher Seminar in Berlin
- » **school year 2019/20**  
Implementing the MYS Toolbox in pilot schools in Austria, Germany, UK, Slovakia and Romania
- » **Sept - Nov 2020**  
Local Seminars in Graz, Berlin, London, Banská Bystrica and Bucharest
- » **school year 2020/21**  
Dissemination of the MYS Toolbox across schools, colleges and youth organisations
- » **2021**  
Conferences in all partner countries
- » **Nov - Dec 2021**  
presentation of the MYS projects conclusions and policy recommendations



Dialog with policy makers



MYS Philosophy at [www.wiki.rixwiki.org/mys](http://www.wiki.rixwiki.org/mys)





Me and Your Stories

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