

Dear colleagues,

Please find a proposal for a joint collaboration to communicate our research results broadly in the local communities, which we plan at the beginning of 2022. The tool that we would like to use to disseminate the research conducted in the LIVES Centre is the ***human library or living library***. This consists of persons preparing a story and telling it in a one-to-one setting to another person who ‘reserved’ the ‘human book’. Usually, one larger event is made of several ‘human books’ who tell the same story about four times to several ‘readers’ (listeners), who have reserved more books. By having a one-to-one interaction, people benefit from a privileged exchange. We will be supported by a stage director for this project, who will help us popularize our results into real narratives.

Mobilizing a human library on the research conducted in the LIVES Centre since its beginnings, this project has the potential to disseminate research results to groups who are less likely to attend public scientific events, and therefore bring knowledge directly to vulnerable people.

We would like to invite researchers at different stages in their career (PhD students, post-doctoral researchers, senior researchers and professors) to prepare each a story.

To ensure a proper storytelling, we will organize workshops to assist you in the writing of your story. We would like to organize several encounters in several cities in Switzerland targeting different populations (older persons, unemployed persons, young persons, and migrants, among others) in order to tell our stories. Depending on the target populations, human libraries could be organized in ‘neighbourhood clubs’, local associations, highschools, neighbourhood cafés or actual libraries.

Building on the work for preparing the human library, we can use these stories to create a **LIVES Podcast series**. The stories recorded will be disseminated through the LIVES Center website and on podcast platforms. This will allow the dissemination of this project to a broader audience.

Here is an estimation of the time you would need to put into this. In total it would be **7 hours work** (instead of the 22 hours initially estimated). This breaks into:

- Workshop 1 (all, visioconference): “How to write a story that works?” Tools and tricks to create a story and working an impacting intro: approx. 1 hour 15 minutes
- Workshop 2 (in groups): Speaking exercises and training of your stories with the storytelling coach: 3 hours 30 minutes
- The human library (1-2 events): 2 hours
- The podcast: 1h

We look forward to hearing back from you if you would like to take part in this innovative project!

All the best,

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More infos about human libraries: [Council of Europe website](#) //