

"We are all storytellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn't a stronger connection between people than storytelling."

-Jimmy Neil Smith, Director of the International Storytelling Center



## Tell your story

# Why is it important to integrate storytelling and digital storymapping in educational processes?

Tell Your Story aims at exploring the use of digital storytelling and story mapping in education to combat early school leaving.

#### What has been done so far?

The modules of the project "How to tell a (life) story" and "Media production skills" have been tested from January to March 2018 with young people from Austria, United Kingdom, France, Slovenia and Italy.

Each partners have involved a group of young people with a background of early school-leaving, who shared their life anecdotes about what led to their dropping out of the school system, and the consequences arising from this decision.

They produced the **digital stories and maps** and engaged in joint multimedia production. The young people **could share their digital Story maps with the other young people** from Austria, United Kingdom, France, Slovenia and Italy.



## **Upcoming Events**

The multimedia stories and maps the young early school-leavers have produced will be shown in an **online exhibition** that will be available via Tell Your Story's website.

The life stories produced by the early school leavers will be used as the basis for delivering a workshop design for young people at risk to prevent them from taking the same decision. The life stories will be discussed in workshops at school or youth organisations and the motivation and consequences of individual early school leaving biographies will be reflected and related to the own life situation. Then, the results and recommendations to use and share Tell Your Story's methodologies will be part of the publication called "Preventing early school leaving through maps and digital stories". This publication is a key output to ensure that the experiences gained in the project will be widely visible, transferred and applied.

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