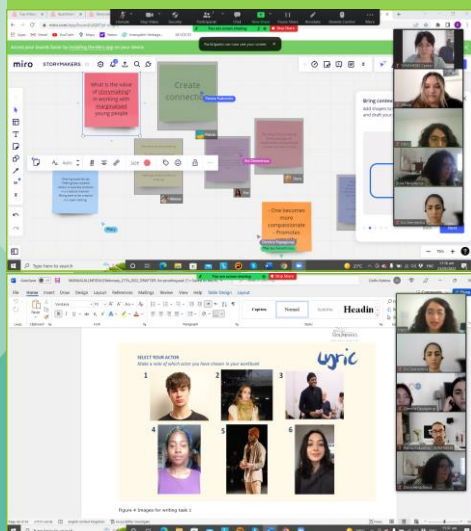


STORYMAKERS

Story Makers: Many Voices Many Lives is an Erasmus+ project aiming at enabling **youth workers** to use the power of story-making in their work with socially excluded young people. The project has been designed in the context of increasing concern about the growing gap between young people who engage in social, civic and cultural life and are confident about finding a job, and those with little hope of leading a fulfilling life, and risk exclusion or marginalization.



Pictures from the Pilot Workshops

MEET THE PARTNERSHIP

Partners from the UK, Portugal, Poland and Cyprus joined forces to develop new approaches to supporting youth workers to work with young people, using story-making as an innovative route to improved literacy, self-awareness, self-esteem and motivation. **The London Borough of Hammersmith& Fulham**, a local authority in West London, provides services and information for residents, local businesses and the local community. **The Faculty of Human Kinetics of the University of Lisbon**, has as its primary goal human development through movement by means of the study of the body and its manifestations in the interaction between biological processes and sociocultural values. **Teatr Grodzki** in **Poland** works with socially excluded groups bringing together artists, pedagogues, cultural professionals and entrepreneurs. **SYNTHESIS Center for Research and Education in Cyprus** is a pioneering organisation which initiates and implements projects of positive social impact, with a focus on social inclusion in the fields of youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, migrant integration and sustainable development.

ABOUT OUR PILOT WORKSHOPS

Over the last seven months, the consortium has been testing the story-making tools with youth workers and disadvantaged young people, receiving overall positive feedback. Both target groups seem to have benefited from the workshops. **Youth workers** on the one hand have enriched their toolkits in working with young people, they have improved their intercultural skills, developed partnerships with other sectors (formal education, employers, NGOs), developed professionally and got the chance to impact young people. **Young people** on the other hand, got the opportunity to improve social, emotional and basic skills – including self-confidence, literacy, verbal and written skills.