

## Stories 4 Wings

*Lately the project partners of the Erasmus+ funded project Stories4Wings after six months of work remotely held their first physical meeting in Granada, Spain.*



*The project group with EPEA representatives Ana Ferrando Benedicto (Western region) and Thomas Wüthrich (chair) visited a so-called Third-Degree Prison –similar to a halfway house in other countries. It was learnt that the activities for the detainees are orientated exclusively to facilitate and smoothen the reinsertion.*

The project responds to the need to find effective methods for educating adults in prison, a group that is often marginalised and has limited access to educational opportunities. The story-based methodology was chosen because stories have a transformative power: they can motivate, teach and change attitudes and behaviours. This approach allows inmates to reflect on their own experiences and emotions, fostering empathy and understanding, and helping them develop key skills for social reintegration.

The main target groups are adult prison educators and trainers, who will be trained in innovative methodologies; prison inmates, who will benefit from an educational approach that enhances their social and emotional skills; and public administrations and associations, who will be able to implement these methodologies to improve their educational and reintegration programmes

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In accordance with the objectives of our project the values/skills/competences below have been chosen and are reflected in the selected stories to implement the story-based methodology. These values were carefully selected and analysed for their ability to provide core information about the consequences of applying the values, the consequences of not applying the values and their impact on the inmate while in prison and after release.

- Resilience.
- Team working.
- Ability to cope with social exclusion.
- Vocational training, profession acquisition.
- Self-awareness.
- Active Citizenship.
- Critical thinking.
- Technology literacy.

In each of the values/competence/skill covered in the different stories, we aim to achieve a specific impact, all in accordance with the objectives of our project. These values/skills/competences do not only seek immediate change, but also lasting change, contributing to the integral growth of the participants and their social reintegration process.

The final result will be a proposal of stories and accompanying teaching materials to work on the selected values available for any educator / teacher within or outside the walls. The projects runs still for another 18 months but the [dissemination website](#) is already online. You will find news on the project also on [Facebook](#).



*Prison Director Cristina Buján Baza (in the middle) and José María Calle (standing) explained to the project group how they work with the inmates preparing them for definite release.*

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