



NEWSLETTER

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LAUNCH OF THE BOOKLET: MY HUMAN RIGHTS, MY WELL-BEING: OLDER PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES

The Two Moons partnership launched its first output, the booklet "My Human Rights, My Well-Being: Older People's Experiences" in four languages as part of Un International Day of Older People on 1 October 2019.

The booklet collates stories illustrating how the human rights of older people are infringed using experiences of older people in the four participating countries. Stories have been collected through interviews and focus groups, and the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities used as a framework for illustrating infringements and in this way make human rights relevant to the lives of older people, policy-makers and service providers.

Research studies highlight how a lack of understanding of human rights and their relevance to daily lives of older peopl makes them more vulnerable to abuse. The booklet addresses these issues by seeking to raises awareness of the human rights of older people, educating older people, family members, policy makers, service providers, adult educators and the wider public by providing them with concrete examples of infringements of older people's human rights in practice.

The booklet was well received not just at a national level in each country but the stories also shared at a wider European level to illustrate how older people's right to non-discrimination and equality are infringed.



THEY WERE INCLUDED IN:

- The #Equal Ageing Campaign, which calls for equal rights at all ages and raise awareness of the harmful consequences of ageism, retold Joan's story https://ageing-equal.org/at-64-im-eligible-at-65-im-not/
- Age Platform Europe in highlighting discrimination on Human Rights Day retold Tom's story https://twitter.com/AGE_PlatformEU/status/1204327678767181824?s=20

The booklet is available in English, Finnish, Italian and Romanian. Each national-version also include a section with useful contacts for older persons who need support in the recognition and protection of their human rights.

Download the booklets from: https://twomoons.eu/outputs/

WHAT'S NEXT?

The 2 Moons partnership is now engaged in the development of the 2nd project output: "Our Stories: Human Rights and Older People in Europe- a documentary theatre script". This output focuses on developing a script from six stories that highlight human rights infringements experienced by older people.

Partners from Ireland, Italy, Romania and Finland have collected stories of violation of rights from the direct voice of older persons. The stories, once transcribed verbatim, have been passed to the theatre partners TDI and GSA which are working to adapt them to the form of a documentary theatre script, which will then be performed for educational purposes.

THE PROJECT

Two Moons is an Erasmus+ funded EU project that aims to develop education resources to inform and enhance older people's knowledge of their human rights and how these rights should operate in practice, equipping them with the tools to assert and claim their rights. Older people and social care professionals will benefit from the resources and tools that will be developed and freely available. Upcoming outputs include:

- A Documentary Theatre and Talkback, consisting of six dramatized monologues, to raise awareness among older people, their families, public bodies and wider community of situations where the rights of older people are not upheld.
- A Guide to hosting the "Two Moon Documentary Theater and Talkback".
- An audio recording of the six dramatized monologues for use in workshops and community radio

