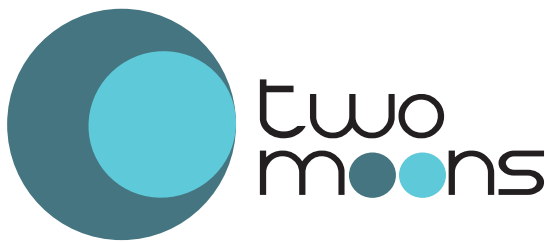




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PRESS RELEASE

STAND UP FOR OLDER PEOPLE'S HUMAN RIGHTS: TWO MOONS DOCUMENTARY THEATRE SCRIPT NOW AVAILABLE IN 4 LANGUAGES.

The Erasmus+ funded "Two Moons" education programme is proud to present its new output 'Our Stories: Human Rights and Older People in Europe – A documentary theatre script'. It recounts in the words of older persons living in Finland, Ireland, Italy and Romania, the lived experiences of not having their human rights respected in situations they encounter in their day to day life.

The script is taken verbatim from research interviews, and edited into short monologues with a particular 'take home point' the infringement of rights protected under the European Convention on Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. The monologues are linked together into a play.

Why a script for a play on Human Rights and Older People?

- In today's society, negative stereotyping leading to discrimination, isolation and exclusion of older people is common.
- Older people are constructed as passive recipients of care, a cost and "burden" to society.
- Constructing older people as 'different' creates a space where older people can be treated differently, leading to abuse and neglect.
- Awareness among older people and wider society of what human rights look like in our day-to-day lives is low.



How can the Two Moons Documentary Theatre Script make a difference?

"The experiences recounted in the Two Moons Documentary script shine a light on the challenges older people face in having their human rights met in everyday life" project co-ordinator Marita O'Brien explained "this play makes human rights 'real' and relevant to their day to day life, empowering them to speak up and assert their rights. It also makes visible to policy makers, health, social care and legal professionals and human rights advocacy groups where public institutions are failing in their obligation to protect older people's rights empowering them to become agents of change".

Feedback from older people involved in developing the Two Moons education resources, highlight the importance of the Two Moons education resources to enhancing older people's knowledge of their human rights and how these rights should operate in practice if they are to challenge mistreatment and discrimination:

"I have learnt that I have the right to be seen as a human, even I am over 60 years old."

"I thought I wasn't affected by human rights issues but I am."

"Made a lot of things clearer, some people told very interesting stories. will make me more aware about my rights and the rights of others."

"It is relevant and useful for my future life and I have learnt what rights I have as a pensioner."

The documentary script is available for download here in English, Romanian, Finnish and Italian.

<https://twomoons.eu/outputs/>

NOTES TO EDITORS

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- Documentary theatre is theatre that uses pre-existing documentary material (such as newspapers, government reports, interviews) as source material for stories about real events and people.
- To find out more about the Two Moons Programme and to get involved in the activities, please follow the link <https://twomoons.eu/about-the-project/> (please also find here the project leaflets in English, Italian, Finnish and Romanian)
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