

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

EXILE TALKS: STAND UP! DECEMBER 4, 2025, BERLIN

YOUR STORY DESERVES TO BE HEARD.

Are you living in exile in Germany — a journalist, writer, or artist who left home because of war, repression, or human-rights violations? Do you have a personal story, a reporting insight, or an observation about life, media, or power that a Berlin audience should hear?

CORRECTIV. Exile invites you to join the **first-ever Exile Talks: Stand Up!** — a live evening of storytelling, journalism, and human connection.

Eight speakers, five minutes each to tell stories that matter: We want to hear personal perspectives on globally relevant issues — told with honesty, courage, humor and creativity.

WHO CAN APPLY

This open call is aimed at exiled journalists, writers, and artists who are currently based in Germany. You should be able to present your story in English on December 4th in Berlin. Your talk should connect to at least one of the following themes: human rights, press freedom & democracy, or exile & diaspora.

We're looking for original stories and authentic storytelling styles. CORRECTIV's selection team will curate a diverse lineup representing different world regions, ages, genders, and professional backgrounds.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Travel costs covered (within Germany)
- Accommodation in Berlin
- Fixed honorarium for each speaker
- · Individual storytelling coaching before the event
- · A Platform to share your work with media professionals, NGOs, and engaged audiences
- Video documentation of your presentation for social media

HOW TO APPLY

- 1. Record a 1-minute video introducing yourself and your story idea. Tell us what you want to talk about and why it matters. Keep it simple and authentic. We want to hear your voice and sense your energy no professional equipment needed. It's your story, not the production quality, that counts.
- 2. Complete the application form + attach your video link. Deadline: November 16th

Technical notes: Max. 1 minute | phone video is fine | Max 100 MB | Horizontal (landscape) preferred

NEED INSPIRATION?

Your story is yours to tell, but here are some ideas to spark inspiration:

- 1. The Story I Couldn't Tell About censored journalism, a story too risky to publish, or an interview that never saw daylight.
- 2. Mimicking State Propaganda Satirize the language, style, and absurdity of official state communications
- 3. Before/After Comparisons of Your Optimism How your expectations and worldview changed from before to after exile

We welcome serious investigative stories, personal reflections, humorous takes, or anything in between — as long as they connect to human rights, press freedom, or life in exile and can be told in 5 minutes or less.

FAQ

Who is the audience of the Stand-Up?

Around 70 people are expected — journalists, media professionals, colleagues from the non-profit sector, and anyone interested in human rights, press freedom, and democracy. The event is public, but registration is required.

What about the security during the event?

We take security seriously. The venue address will only be shared with registered participants, and CORRECTIV. Exile follows an internal protocol developed with exiled journalists.

Recordings or photos will only be published with the speakers' explicit consent. You can share any personal security concerns in the application form — this will not affect your selection. Our goal is to create a safe and respectful space for everyone.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: nora.pohl@correctiv.org

Join us in celebrating the power of stories, the resilience of journalists in exile, and the voices that connect us across borders.