



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Exile Talks: Stand Up! – June 17, 2026, Berlin

Your story deserves to be heard.

Are you living in exile in Germany — a journalist, writer, or artist who left their home country due to war, repression, or human-rights violations? Do you have a personal story, reporting insight, or a sharp observation about life, media, or power that others should hear?

CORRECTIV.Exile invites you to join **Exile Talks: Stand Up!** — a live evening of storytelling, journalism, and exchange in Berlin. Eight speakers will take the stage, each with five minutes to share a story that connects personal experience with globally relevant issues — told with honesty, courage, humor, or creativity.

## Who Can Apply

We are looking for exiled journalists, writers, and artists currently based in Germany who can present their story in English.

Your story should relate to at least one of the following themes: human rights, press freedom & democracy, or exile & diaspora.

**Important:** Please apply with a **clear and concrete story idea** – not just a general topic. We want to understand what exactly you will tell on stage and why it matters.

*Applied in the first edition in 2025?*

We strongly encourage you to apply again – with a different story this time.

## What We Offer

- Travel costs covered (within Germany)
- Accommodation in Berlin
- Fixed honorarium
- Two individual coaching sessions to develop your story (including structure, storytelling techniques, and stage presence)
- A Platform to share your work with journalists, NGOs, and an engaged audience
- Professional video documentation of your performance

## How to Apply

Please submit:

- A **1-minute video** introducing yourself and **your specific story idea** (what you want to tell + why it matters)
- The completed [application form](#) with a link to your video

No professional video equipment needed – we care about your idea and your voice.

**Deadline:** May 3, 2026

**Notification of all applicants:** mid-May

## Need inspiration?

You can watch the recording of last year's **Exile Talks: Stand Up!** on [YouTube](#). This is only for inspiration — we are looking for original stories, told in your own way, that fit into a five-minute performance.

## FAQ

### **Who is the audience of the Stand-Up?**

Around 70 people — journalists, media professionals, NGO representatives, and anyone interested in human rights, press freedom, and democracy. The event is public, with registration required.

### **What about security?**

CORRECTIV.Exile follows internal security protocols developed with exiled journalists. Names, recordings or photos will only be published with your explicit consent. You can share any specific concerns in the application form.

## Questions?

Contact: [nora.pohl@correctiv.org](mailto:nora.pohl@correctiv.org)

**Let's bring border-crossing stories on stage!**