

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Exile Talks: Storytelling Night – What We Carry

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What do we carry with us when we leave one place and build a life somewhere new?

CORRECTIV.Exile invites exiled journalists, writers, and artists living in Germany to share a 5-minute story in English at an evening of storytelling, music, and exchange in Berlin.

Your story can come from your life, work, research, or experience — it can be personal, journalistic, political, critical, surprising, sad or funny. This time, the overall theme of the evening is “What We Carry”. This is an invitation: you decide what it means to you and what story you want to tell. This is your opportunity to share your story with an engaged audience of Berliners and meet other exiled journalists, writers, and artists from across Germany.

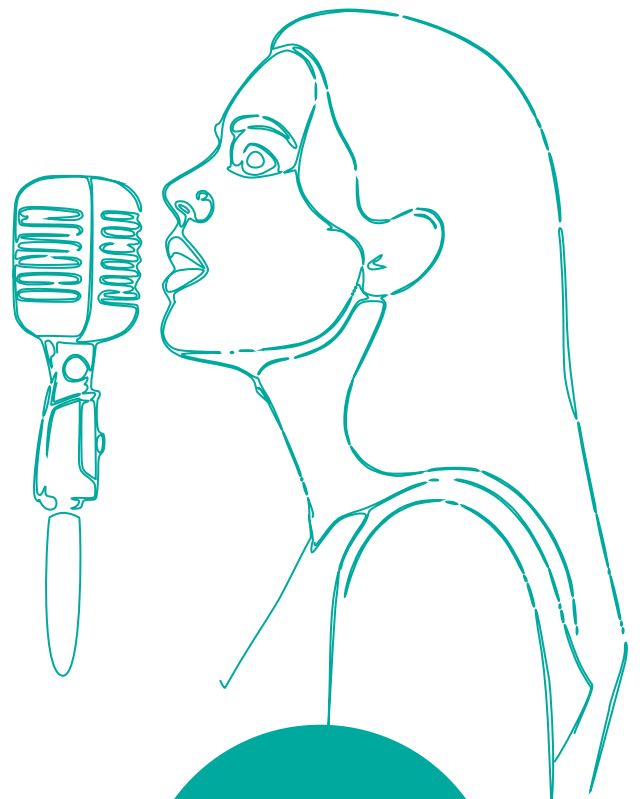
Please apply with a concrete story idea, not just a general topic. We want to know what you would tell on stage and why.

What We Offer

Six storytellers will be selected by a jury. Each receives a fixed honorarium, travel to Berlin, accommodation, and two individual coaching sessions with a theatre educator to develop their story and stage presence.

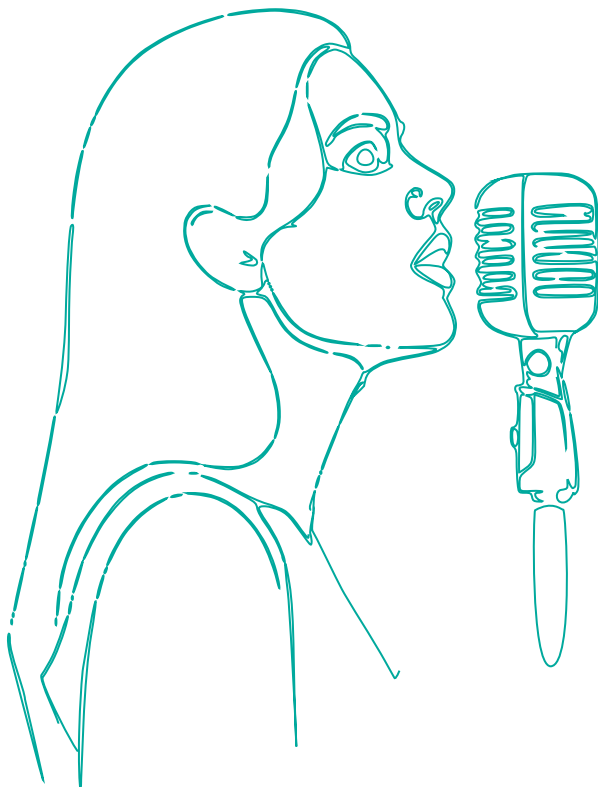
How to Apply

Develop a story idea based on the theme “What We Carry”. Record a 1-minute video introducing yourself and your story idea — what you want to tell and why. Then complete the [application form](#) and add your video link.



Deadline:
01.11.2026

**What do
we carry?**



**We want to
hear your
story!**

FAQ

Who can apply and how are speakers selected?

You can apply if you are an exiled journalist, writer or artist, living in Germany and are ready to tell a story on stage in English. If you're unsure if you're eligible, send us a quick email to clarify. A jury of CORRECTIV journalists are selecting six storytellers based on the quality of their story suggestions and a diversity of backgrounds.

Can I apply if I have applied or participated before?

Yes. We encourage previous participants and applicants to apply again with a new story.

What could a story look like?

Watch Exile Talks: Stand Up! on YouTube to get a sense of the format. We are looking for original stories that can be told in around 5 minutes.

Who is the audience?

The event is public and brings together around 70 people, including journalists, media professionals, NGO representatives, and others interested in stories and perspectives from people living in exile in Germany.

What about security?

There will be no video recording or streaming of the event. Names and photos will only be published with your explicit consent. You can share any specific security concerns in the application form.

Questions?

Contact: nora.pohl@correctiv.org