



The Story of StoryCorps

Recording Conversations Between Everyday Americans

StoryCorps — the national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people believe in each other by illuminating the humanity and possibility in us all, one story at a time — is traveling to various cities to record the stories of Americans. Participants will have the option of recording in person or remotely, using StoryCorps' free recording tools.

“For two decades, the StoryCorps Mobile Tour has traveled the country to preserve and amplify the voices of everyday Americans, those least likely to be recorded in history books or heard in the media,” said StoryCorps CEO Sandra M. Clark.

“Every time we stop in a town or city, we see how a conversation between people about their lives forges and strengthens connections and communities and helps fortify the social fabric of our nation. We’re proud to continue this journey and grateful to the local participants and partners who join us in our effort to grow our vast archive of American voices and illuminate the possibility in us all.”

During a StoryCorps interview, two people record a meaningful conversation about who they are, what they’ve learned in life, and how they want to be remembered. A trained StoryCorps facilitator guides them through the interview process step by step and after each 40-minute recording session, participants can access the interview through [StoryCorps’ free Online Archive](#). With participant permission, their conversation is also archived at the [Library of Congress’s American Folklife Center](#) for future generations to enjoy and learn from.

StoryCorps may also share edited versions of select interviews collected throughout the tour via its [NPR broadcasts, podcast, animated shorts, digital platforms, and best-selling books](#).

On the Mobile Tour, facilitated recording sessions are offered to the public free of charge and can be booked online at storycorps.org/mobile-tour. Reservations are usually available approximately two weeks before the Mobile Booth’s arrival in each location.

StoryCorps also partners with local public radio stations, which air a selection of the interviews (with participant permission). In many cases, the stations also create special programs around the project.

Since 2005, the Mobile Tour has recorded thousands of meaningful conversations in cities and towns in all 50 U.S. states. It plays a critical role in realizing StoryCorps' mission by bringing the experience directly to individuals and the communities where they live.

These powerful human stories reflect the vast range of American experiences, engender empathy and connection, and remind us how much more we have in common than what divides us. StoryCorps is especially committed to capturing and amplifying voices least heard in the media.

The StoryCorps MobileBooth, an Airstream trailer that has been transformed into a traveling recording booth, crosses the country year-round gathering the stories of people nationwide.

Upon arrival to a location, the MobileBooth parks at a collaborating local cultural institution or community-based organization to help encourage participation.

To view the StoryCorps Mobile Tour Schedule, visit <https://storycorps.org/mobile-tour> for a list of cities and dates starting in May.

Learn more at storycorps.org.

Editor's Note: StoryCorps has recorded the stories of many people with disabilities. You can find stories in the StoryCorps archive at <https://archive.storycorps.org/search/interviews> by searching the term "disability" or "disabilities".

Also, a StoryCorps podcast episode on people with disabilities can be listened to at <https://storycorps.org/podcast/the-way-i-am>