

What's Your Story Melbourne?

With an estimated one million people visiting and living in the city of Melbourne, the voices of everyday Melbournians can get lost in the noise.

The project sought to listen to and understand the stories of residents and visitors to our city with the goals of supporting long-term social cohesion and intercultural understanding through storytelling.

The project features the diverse voices and experiences of people who live and visit our city with the belief that every story matters to create 'everyday literature'.

What's Your Story Melbourne? was inspired by the US-based Storycorps project established in 2002.

Storycorps has had a proven impact on its listeners. For example, in 2005 a study of Storycorps listeners found that 88 per cent strongly agreed that hearing stories made them feel connected to people of different backgrounds.

In partnership with The Story Project, the Storycorps model has been successfully translated to the Australian context for What's Your Story Melbourne?

Nearly 100 participants were interviewed during the Emerging Writers Festival. Themes that emerged from the stories included family, passion, love, safe spaces and belonging which will be broadcast in the form of audio stories on All Our Stories (PBS 106.7 FM) during Spring 2018.

Featuring on PBS 106.7 FM will expand the reach and impact of the collected stories to an additional estimated 295,000 listeners per week. This will help to meet the project goals of supporting long-term social cohesion and intercultural understanding through storytelling.

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