



# DigiFolk

## Piloting of the DigiFolk in Groningen

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At the University College Groningen, thirty Year 1 Liberal Art Students worked on the project Tales of Wisdom which was designed to align with the DigiFolk Project. The students, under the supervision of Dr Maria Ioannou and Dr Theisje van Dorsten, first received training on the methodology of the project by the partners from the University of Cyprus and the Social Sciences University of Ankara and technical training on audio and video making from CARDET, as well as training in story curation by professionals (e.g., Saskia Pekelharing; professional children book illustrator).

Students then worked into two different groups, the story collection group and the curation group. The first group identified the (marginalised) communities in Groningen they wanted to get stories from and applying DigiFolk's methodology they went into the communities to collect their stories via interviews.

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Upon completion of story collection the raw material was transferred to the curation group members whose job was to decide on which stories shared in the interviews to curate and digitize and to execute the task. The Groningen students then presented their work at the Project Presentation Day, which was attended by students, teachers, and any member of the public wished to see the work of students. In this way Groningen students in a period of 10 weeks they managed to complete a full circle of the DigiFolk project (covering the tasks outlined in WP2, 3, and 4) and as such they gave us the opportunity to pilot the project - from beginning to end- to extract tips and tops.



*Picture 1. DigiFolk (Groningen team) interviewing members of the queer community (drag queens) at the drag house 'House of Scandal' in Groningen.*





Pic 2. University of Groningen students presenting the DigiFolk project and how it was executed in Groningen

## Interviews

Groningen students secured interviews from the following communities: Ukrainian community, Somali community, Queer community (drag queens), and Sex workers. We are hereby sharing the digitized stories they produced

### **Ukrainian Community:**

**'The metal pin'**

**'The witch'**

**'Don't walk in the forest along at night'**

**'The story of the fox'**

### **Somali community:**

**'The power of education'**

### **Sex workers**

**'We are not a community'**

### **Drag queens:**

**'You should never take off your wig in public and other stories'**



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