

Day of Listening

Thursday, November 20, 2014 10:00am- 2:00pm Oliver LaGrone (W132)

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This screening features the stories recorded during a semester-long, volunteer process that trains participants in using an iPod Touch or smartphone to record short real-life stories from the people we walk by in the halls everyday. The technical skills involved in this program are low- no story is edited and fine filmmaking is not the goal. Instead the focus is on quickly establishing a relationship with someone so that they can share an honest, authentic story about their experiences.

World Wide Narratives creates intentional spaces in which members of the Penn State community tell their own stories of lived experience, and listen to those told by others. It explores who we are as a community, giving voice to what is often unheard and unnoticed with the aim of shifting awareness of difference, and provoking new approaches to addressing it. The process is grounded in the assumption that meaningful human interaction involves risk, care, and openness. The World Wide Narratives project began in Fall 2011. Since then we have recorded over 200 stories.