



**YOUTH DEMOCRATIC  
EXperiences (YOUDEX)**

# ROMA VOICES PODCAST



# Project overview:

Roma Voices: Memory, Movement & Future is a youth-led podcast series designed to amplify the lived experiences, cultural richness, and historical resilience of Roma communities in Hungary and across Europe. The project centers Roma youth as storytellers, advocates, and cultural ambassadors—offering them a platform to reclaim their narratives and speak out against discrimination.

This initiative responds to a critical need: Roma history has often been marginalized or erased from mainstream narratives. As a result, many young Roma grow up without access to their own cultural heritage, and some even feel ashamed to identify as Roma. Through this podcast, we aim to challenge those narratives and foster pride, awareness, and solidarity.

## Project goals:

This podcast series seeks to:

- Address the lack of accessible resources on Roma history, identity, and youth perspectives
- Challenge harmful stereotypes by showcasing Roma contributions to society and public life
- Explore themes of displacement, belonging, identity, and intergenerational change
- Empower Roma youth to advocate for their rights and participate in democratic life
- Promote empathy, intercultural dialogue, and respect for Roma communities
- Serve as an educational and archival resource for schools, youth groups, and researchers

Building on the legacy of the Roma Oral History Project, this series expands its reach by centering young Roma voices as agents of change and leaders in shaping a more inclusive future.

## Project structure:

The podcast is structured as a 16-episode series, each exploring a unique theme related to Roma identity, history, and civic engagement. The episodes blend personal storytelling, expert insight, and cultural reflection. They are designed to be accessible, engaging, and thought-provoking.

Key features include:

- Narrative-driven episodes led by Roma youth, storytellers, and community leaders
- Topics such as Roma history, migration, the Holocaust, identity, education, gender, art, and activism
- Voices from across Europe, highlighting both shared struggles and diverse experiences
- A focus on youth empowerment, solidarity, and shaping the future

Listeners will be guided through powerful, often unheard stories that challenge assumptions and inspire action.

Platform: The podcast is hosted on Spotify, making it widely accessible and easy to share. QR codes linking directly to the series are included in promotional materials such as posters and gallery displays.

# Impact and vision:

This project is more than a podcast—it is a movement for visibility, pride, and change. By giving Roma youth the tools and space to speak, we are not only preserving oral history but also building a foundation for future advocacy and cultural resilience.

We envision this series being used in:

- Educational workshops and classrooms
- Youth leadership programs
- Cultural exhibitions and community events
- Online campaigns promoting Roma rights and inclusion

**DO YOU FEEL THAT ROMA PEOPLE STILL EXPERIENCE A LOT OF DISCRIMINATION?**

**DO YOU WANT THE FUTURE GENERATION OF ROMA PEOPLE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ROMA HISTORY AND CULTURE?**

If yes, this podcast is your space. It offers a unique opportunity to speak up, share your story, and define your own history. Only by doing this can we promote greater cultural understanding, challenge negative stereotypes, and reshape how young Roma people see themselves and their heritage.

Now on Spotify – tune in and be part of the movement!



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