

Project: Stories of Children from Around the World (ongoing since 2017)

Project Stories of Children from Around the World aims at giving names to children from other countries and teach local children (Slovenian children) to welcome and respect different nationalities and ethnic groups through positive storytelling.

In the special section of the on-line newspaper ČASORIR the stories (multimedia articles) of Children from Around the World are published (<https://casoris.si/category/sola-se-predstavi/zgodbe-otrok-sveta/>). So far 19 stories and other videos were published and 5 are under preparation. This way Project tries to increase the acceptance and respect of different nationalities and ethnic groups, refugees and migrants, and their integration through their stories. Additionally, Project contributes to discussion on the experiences of different cultures and traditions as well as Project contributes to the classroom discussions in which the children learn about their school friends from other countries. Project writes about children who fled war, poverty or inequality and migrated to Slovenia. Children are presented with their names, their past and future, their dreams, desires and expectations. The stories, in which children talk about their country and traditions, are posted in Časoris and their peers can thus start to respect their culture. Integration as intercultural dialogue can be thus much more effective. During the project also Slovenian children are invited to reflect upon the stories they have read or seen through their own writing or video stories. These stories are published in Časoris and on its You Tube channel.

Project target group are elementary school children, as well as their teachers and parents.

The reasoning behind the project is that Slovenes have turned out to be extremely intolerant towards foreigners and hostile debates about how many migrants (if any at all) should Slovenia accept still arouse. But the project helped the children to look at their school friends from other countries from a different perspective. It also helped the children from abroad to tell their story: why they left their home, why they came to Slovenia, what are their dreams and hopes, what they want to become. Slovenian children also learned to imagine how it would be if they were to leave their home. The children we presented said at the end of the project that they were happy to be part of it because this way someone listened to their story. Additionally, they read the other stories and learned that they all come from very different cultures and have different traditions, however they are all children of the world and can live as one family.

Links to stories published on youtube portal:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgVOqgZMT90>



Samara's story

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-Pch8lo_c



Erfan's story

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=9Gt75I9vsqY – how to accept classmate from other country
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUR9Pp4aZJI> – Kinda's story
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCXWE6QCfqU> – Anes's story
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TL2VhsbqpfS> - Prohor's and Matvej's story
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- <https://casoris.si/category/sola-se-predstavi/zgodbe-otrok-sveta/> - other stories and videos

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Časoris is Slovenia's newspaper for kids. It provides timely, relevant news articles for children, teachers in the classroom and parents at home. Newspaper Časoris is trying to help children to understand the news, to critically think about what they're reading, and to apply their knowledge to the real world. Every article is accompanied by questions for additional reflection and a glossary.