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***TMI Project announces call for storytellers for Stories for Choice,
a true storytelling workshop and culminating performance to be produced on
the 49th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade***

KINGSTON, NY -- July 28, 2021 -- TMI Project is proud to announce a national call for storytellers for a new program, *Stories for Choice*. *Stories for Choice* uses radically true stories — stories that include the TMI parts we usually keep to ourselves because of fear, shame, stigma, or cultural expectation — to ignite human connection, challenge the status quo, and inspire storytellers and listeners alike to take action for true reproductive justice. 10 applicants will be chosen for the 10-session workshop and culminating live virtual performance on Saturday, January 22, 2022, the 49th anniversary of Roe Vs. Wade. Other applicants may be invited to publish their stories on our website and across TMI Project's social media platforms. The culminating content will be accessible to an all-inclusive audience, paired with strategic tools to inspire and guide audience members to take action for true reproductive justice.

Despite the progress made over the decades, threats to true reproductive justice are stronger than ever. Starting in October 2021, the Supreme Court will hear a case arising from a Mississippi law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks. They are likely to deliver a decision at the start of the 2022 midterm elections. The outcome of the case could undermine Roe v. Wade and guarantees the abortion debate will remain a critical issue. That being said, choice is not just about abortion and rights; it's about comprehensive, safe, accessible reproductive healthcare for all who need/want it, to make whatever choice they choose.

"Diversity of perspective is our top priority for this project," said Eva Tenuto, co-founder and executive director of TMI Project. "All people who are capable of becoming pregnant—which may include queer women, **transmasculine** and **nonbinary** people—may have a need for **full-spectrum pregnancy, family planning**, and abortion care. Access, affordable preventive healthcare, education, and safety are all components of true choice. We welcome all voices and experiences."

Perla Ayora, one of six TMI Project workshop leaders slated to lead the workshop added, "The Latin population in the United States has been grossly misrepresented. The Spanish-speaking community has a lot to say about these issues. TMI Project understands we all benefit and learn from hearing the Latin-American experience, which is why we've opened up applications for both English and Spanish speakers."



Applications for storytellers are due by September 15. Chosen applicants will be contacted by October 1 and upon completion of the program will receive a \$500 stipend for their time and participation. To be considered, applicants must be available Mondays, 7-9 PM EST:

- For workshop in November, December 2021, and January 2022 (with the exception of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- Rehearsal on Friday January 21, 2022.
- Performance on Saturday, January 22, 2022.

To learn more, register for tickets to the performance, or apply for a spot in the workshop visit: <https://www.tmiproject.org/storiesforchoice>

We also welcome organizations and businesses to partner with us in a variety of ways. Learn more [HERE](#).

ABOUT TMI PROJECT

TMI Project's mission is to help craft and amplify radically true stories to ignite human connection, challenge the status quo, and inspire both storytellers and listeners to take action for positive social change.

We do this by:

- Teaching true storytelling workshops which culminate in live performances and digital content that focus on the “too much information” parts of a story typically left out because of shame, stigma, fear or cultural expectation.
- Centering our programming around four social justice initiatives: Anti-Racism, Gender Equality, LGBTQIA+ Rights, and Mental Health Awareness.
- Partnering with schools, nonprofits, small businesses, and corporations to work with directly impacted folks, students, emerging and veteran activists, and leaders.
- Shining the spotlight on the stories that may not be featured in mainstream media or recognized in history books but have the power to change the world.

Since 2010, TMI Project has led more than 100 true storytelling workshops and staged live storytelling performances by nearly 2,000 storytellers, which have been presented to audiences of over 60,000 people in schools, colleges, prisons, mental health clinics, theaters, community centers, the United Nations and online.

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