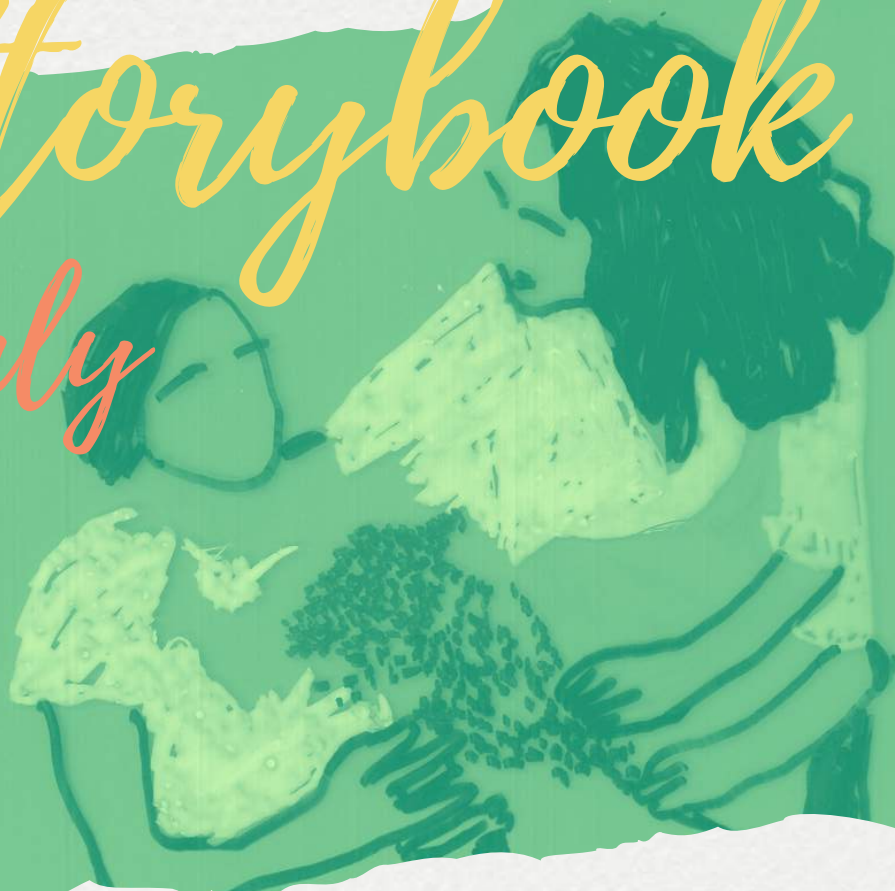




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*Stories connect the
remote but alive
past with the
distant but very
much present
future.*



Ledarach 2005

INTRODUCTION

Storytelling has been proven to be one of the most effective and most common forms of communication people use in different areas of their lives, ranging from day-to-day communication and entertainment to education and language learning.

Storytelling, and methods revolving around it, support the development of language skills, enables humans to create their own narratives, their own identities and, consequently, over their own lives and relationships with others.



The present storybook illustrates the stories of inspiring women who have participated in WINGS social and labour inclusion programme which was implemented in Italy.

The programme was structured around 3 main areas, namely the language course, individual job counselling sessions and internship periods in selected companies to gain new practical work experience and apply newly acquired language skills. During the language course sessions, women happily shared their personal reflections about learning experiences and/or created new stories focusing on their future life with the support of artistic expression.

Advancing the method of storytelling and guided by experts, participants vividly portrayed their unique stories through collages of photos, images and drawings, which accompany their narrations.

The WINGS social and labour inclusion programme was implemented in the framework of the project **WINGS - New Gender Strategies for Women's inclusion**, a multi-layered action aiming to facilitate the social-economic inclusion of women in vulnerable situations. WINGS provides them with language courses, psychological support, tailored employment counselling and labour integration opportunities.

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For the future I would like to
work in the fashion world.

It is important for me
to pray.

My talent is: dancing and
singing

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“

In the future I imagine
working in a medicine sector
and having a job.

Also, I would like to have
enough time for my children
and my husband.

”





“

In the future I would like to have a family, the next goal is to get a driver's license, then buy a house.

My passion is cooking.

I would like to work as a freelancer.

”



TALENTO

GIFT

Cantare
Lettura
Scrivere
Ortografia
Organizzato
Cucinando / cooking
Prenderci cura di bambini



COMPETENZA

Commercio - Trading



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In the future I would like to find a job as a babysitter, I would not like to do a job where I am with many people. I want to have a future! I hope to be able to settle with my family of which I am the main pillar: mother and three brothers.

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FARDUS

Sorriso

Disegnare

f Amiglia



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In the future I would like to
create a foundation for
children and buy a house.

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May God bless Me
FAITH Foundation



to I Love Church FAITH
pray pray



TORONTO





“

I wish a happy future
for my father and a lot of
traveling by car.

I like flowers, working with
makeup, baking cookies
and riding a bicycle.

”



CLEANING
SINGING, HAIR DRESSING

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In the future I imagine
myself cooking and eating
with my family in Ghana.

A pink graphic element consisting of two stylized, nested L-shaped brackets, resembling a closing quotation mark, located in the bottom-right corner of the frame.



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I would like to do business
with my husband, I would
like to have a restaurant or a
swimming school or a gym.

A green double quote icon consisting of two stylized, nested L-shaped brackets.

Swimming Talent

Competence.

Auto Come in Price

Organizing Events



Alcoba di me stesso

MANISHA



A blue graphic of an opening double quote, consisting of two nested L-shaped brackets.

In the future, I would like to be the owner of my own company, have my own house and be with my daughter.

In the house I imagine a swimming pool, because I like to swim.

A blue graphic of a closing double quote, consisting of two nested L-shaped brackets.



Joy



music

Cooking

Reading

TALENTO



Cleaning

COMPETENZA



TRY

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In the future I would like to
own a bus company or be a
shoe merchant.

An orange icon representing a closing quotation mark, consisting of two nested L-shaped brackets.





BLESSING

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““

I have many dreams,
especially finding a job in an
office where I can make
friends with the colleagues.
And then I want to have my
own house for my family.

””



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I imagine my future with my
husband, I would like
to travel around
the world by car.

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Precious

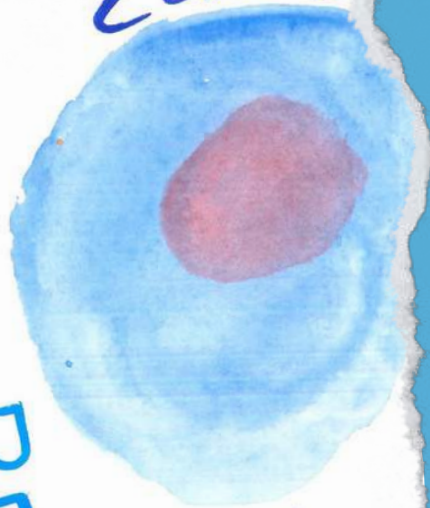


In my future I would like to
do business,
with my own store
of fruits and vegetables.

With the money from my
business I would like to
travel with my husband.



Cooking



happy



PRAISE

marriage



music

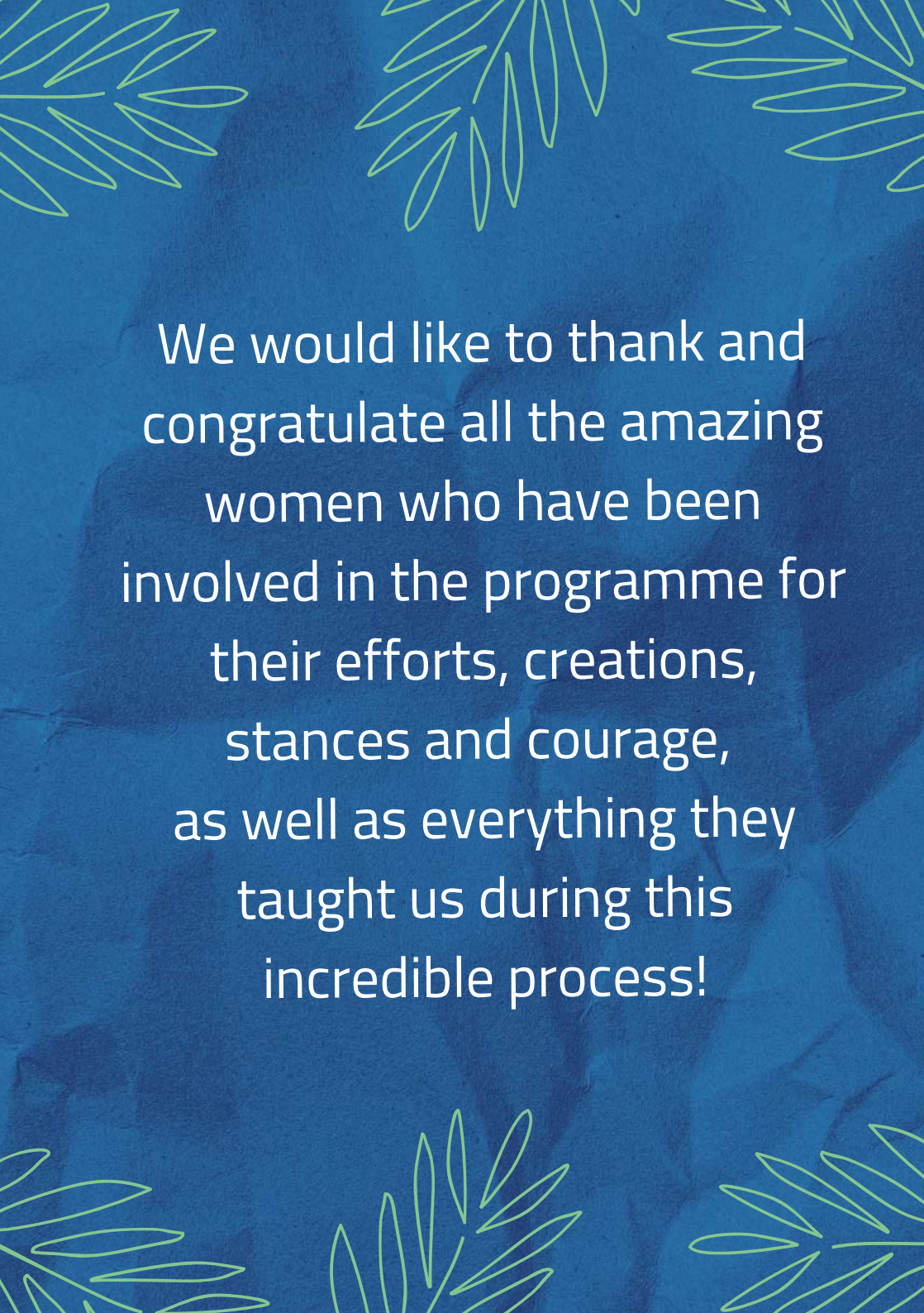


Song

CLOSING REMARKS

WINGS programme, including the sharing, structuring and creation of the stories has been a valuable lesson for both the women and the experts involved. Women practiced their newly-acquired language and presentation skills, exercised on vocabulary and dreamt about the future.

The experts who supported the participants throughout this journey got the chance to better grasp and appreciate the importance of telling stories to express ourselves and their dreams, to communicate, understand and empower each other and create networks of relationships.



We would like to thank and
congratulate all the amazing
women who have been
involved in the programme for
their efforts, creations,
stances and courage,
as well as everything they
taught us during this
incredible process!



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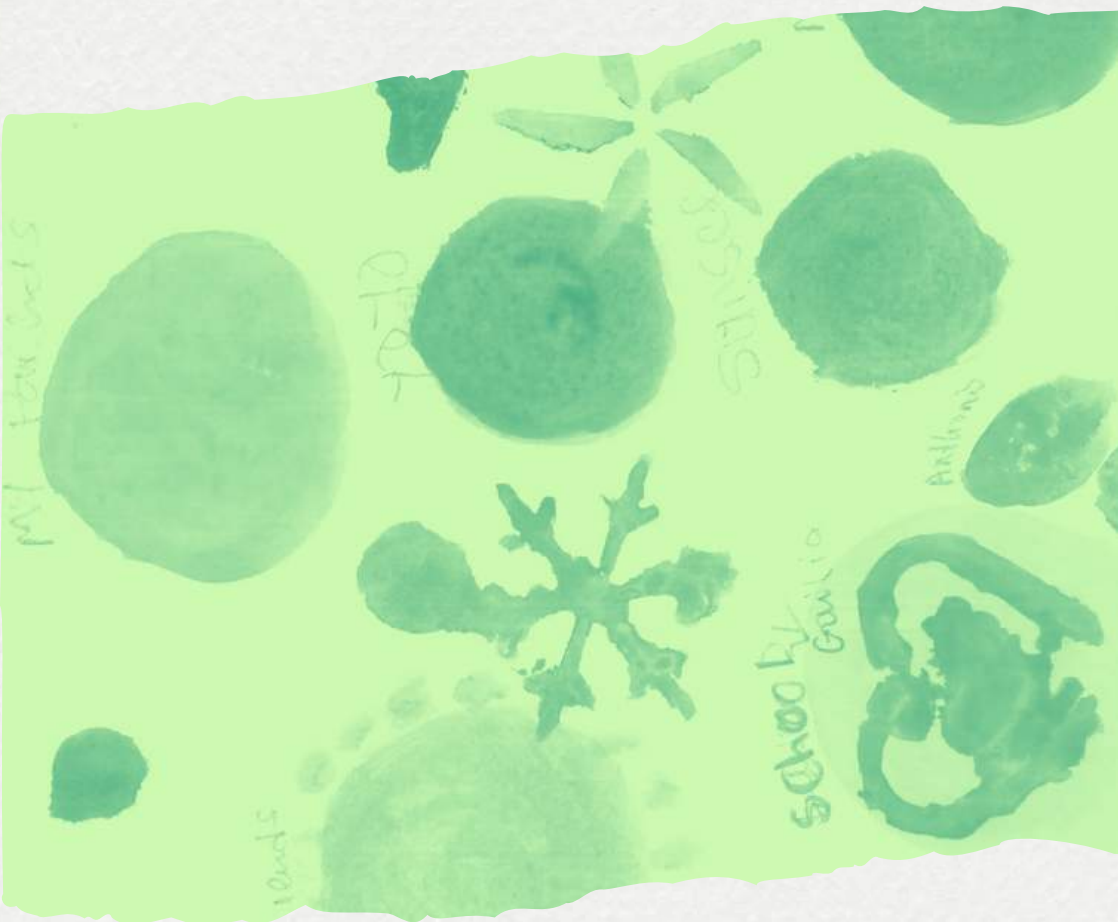
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