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a campaign sharing real stories *non-Europeans* catetered for the European public.

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# #background

- Here? europe often prides itself on inclusivity, yet non-Europeans face systemic and social barriers
- Now? representation is needed from those who live these experiences everyday
- Why? storytelling drives emotional appeal to connect, educate, and shift mindsets

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# #goal

A platform that raises awareness, fostering understanding, and sparks institutional and societal changes to decolonize spaces in Europe

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# #PlanofAction

1. **Story Collection**- anonymous or attributed with consent, submitted online
2. **Content Creation**- Quote-based posts, audio clips, short videos
3. **Engagement Strategy**- Hashtags, collaborations, interactive discussions
4. **Institutional Advocacy**- Engaging organizations and policymakers for change

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# #Roles



@aseanyouthadvocates

1. **Content Creation-** AYAN Creatives Committee
2. **Outreach and Community Builders-** AYAN Externals Committee
3. **Platform Management-** Volunteers

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# #Timeline

1. **Month 1:** Set up platform and collect initial stories,
2. **Month 2:** Pilot posting, build engagement
3. **Month 3:** Expand reach, institutional outreach

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## **#ObstaclesandRisks**

1. Lack of engagement or resistance to the topic
2. Ensuring protection to contributors
3. Online harassment, backlash
4. EU Experience

## **#MeasuringSuccess**

1. **Short-Term:** Engagement and SocMed Reach
2. **Mid-Level:** Partnerships with orgs and institutions
3. **Long Term:** Tangible Changes in Policies

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🗣️ Stories of migration, exclusion & resilience

🗣️ Decolonizing spaces, one voice at a time

🗣️ We listen. We amplify... more

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📱 POSTS

🏷️ TAGGED

Missed stops. Confusing routes. No clear information. Everything was in Dutch or French, nothing in English. When I asked for help? 'Look online,' they said. Online didn't help.

ALINA FROM RUSSIA

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"Paid for the card. Paid to reload it. Then they told me—I couldn't. 'Buy a new one,' they said. More money, more hassle, no explanation."

IGOR FROM BRAZIL

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"Two years working here. No one told me my rights. No one told me about vacations, legal aid, or government assistance. I had to find out—on my own."

ELENA FROM MONGOLIA

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"Trapped—not by love, but by paperwork. No EU citizenship meant no home of my own. So I

"A stable job. Proper documents. Full rights in Belgium. But my name and appearance were enough

"Wow, your English is so good! Where did you learn it?' I've spoken English my



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**“Trapped—not by love,  
but by paperwork. No EU  
citizenship meant no  
home of my own. So I  
stayed, even when he  
started to hurt me.”**

FATIMA FROM MOROCCO

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decolonizingspaces\_ “When I moved to Belgium, I built a life with someone I loved. At first, it felt safe. But slowly, things changed. He started mistreating me.

I wanted to leave. But without European citizenship, finding housing on my own wasn't an option. No landlord would rent to me. No system would help me.

So I stayed. Not because I wanted to—but because I had nowhere else to go.

How many others are forced to endure, just because they don't belong on paper?”

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**“They looked at me, then started talking in French about ‘too many Chinese people’ moving to Belgium. What they didn’t realize? I understood every word. I’m not even Chinese”**

APRIL FROM JAKARTA

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decolonizingspaces\_ I was on the train in Brussels, just sitting there, when I heard them talking. A group of people, casually chatting in French, complaining about ‘too many Chinese people moving to Belgium.’ They spoke freely, assuming no one around them would understand.

But I understood. Every word.

The irony? French is my language, too. And I’m not even Chinese.

For a moment, I froze. Should I say something? Would it even change anything? I sat there, invisible in plain sight, feeling the weight of what it means to always be seen as ‘the other.’ No matter how fluent I am, how long I’ve lived here, or how much belong—people like me will always have to prove it.

I stayed quiet that day. But I won’t stay quiet now.

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*We hope that people listen- and just listen-  
not judge at all.*

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*Representation of Global South voices is often sidelined in European spaces.*

*People say they care—until it becomes uncomfortable.*

*Silence and inaction reinforce exclusion. We create spaces where we are heard.*

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