



Story and the Power of Narratives

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WHO WE ARE

Story is community power.

People have always had voices.

They haven't always been given the mic.



The West End

Cincinnati, OH



150+

community members

Personal photographs. Audio stories.

Lived expertise centered — not consulted.

*When communities hold the mic, the stories that emerge
shift conversations and drive action.*

Story is not soft.

Story is infrastructure.

**Civic
Belonging**

**Social
Trust**

**Community
Health**

Building Trust. Building Community.

YOUR PROMPT

“My America at 250
is...”

What does it hold? What is it building?

Your county. Your home. Your people. Your strengths. Your grief. All of it belongs.

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SHARE

Go around your table.

Tell your name and what you'll put on your square.

Start with whoever traveled the greatest distance to be here today.

Make your square.

Fabric markers

Felt shapes

Fabric scraps

You don't have to be an artist.

You just have to be honest.

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RECORD

Flip your square over.

Scan the QR code — or visit:

speakpipe.com/InnoviaStoryQuilt

Start your recording with your first name and the county you're from.

Then tell us the story: "When I look at my quilt square, I see. ."

You'll have up to two minutes to record—take as little or as much time as you like.

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CONNECT

Link your square to your neighbors'.

Connect your pins along the edges.

Then take a picture of your square and your table's creation.

20 counties. One quilt.

This is what narrative change looks like.

*Story builds trust
across difference.*

*Community voice
changes systems.*

*You can take this
home.*