



HOW TO USE STORYCORPS

Below are steps and suggestions that will orient you to StoryCorps and their new storycorps.me platform, as well as the StoryCorps app. This medium can be used during community nights, across JV communities worldwide, with FJVs, and to engage in thoughtful conversations with loved ones about JVC.

What is StoryCorps?

- StoryCorps' mission is to provide people of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share and preserve the stories of our lives. Since its founding in 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 60,000 interviews from more than 100,000 participants. StoryCorps received the 2015 Ted Prize, which has allowed them to launch the StoryCorps app and storycorps.me online platform.

StoryCorps app

- The StoryCorps app can be used to record interviews at any time. The app requires an account name/log-in, or for the user to sign-in via Facebook. The interview can be recorded, titled, categorized by keyword, then uploaded to the StoryCorps website. Stories can be saved on the app and uploaded later, like when the interviewer has Wi-Fi access (for example).
- The app can be used to browse, explore, and listen to other people's stories. That being said, the web platform (storycorps.me) tends to be easier to use for that, as well as for editing key information about the interviews.

Storycorps.me website

- The website provides instructions for interviewing, uploading, and listening to interviews. In addition to that, the website allows a user to log in and edit her/his already recorded interviews. While the user cannot edit the audio, they can download the audio, change keywords, the interview photo, and adjust the organization and title. Browsing other interviews is much more intuitive on the storycorps.me website versus the app.

Interview Instructions

** Note: You can also record audio on a computer's microphone ("sound recorder") or by using your phone's voice memo recorder, then upload to the StoryCorps website by signing in and clicking "Add*

Interview" in the top right corner. Helpful if Wi-Fi is not available. Kevin kbreen@jesuitvolunteers.org can help further with this if needed.*

1. Download the app: On your smartphone, search StoryCorps in the app store. It's free! You can create your own log-in or your Facebook account to do so.
2. Tap the plus (+) button in the top right corner of the app to add an interview. The prompts will take you through the process of either preparing an interview or recording one. If you have questions in mind, feel free to start with "record an interview." Otherwise, you can plan out the interview you'd like to conduct.
3. Hit record, and start with your name, the name of the person you're interviewing, and both of you can share how you're connected to Jesuit Volunteer Corps. To begin, you might want to explain JVC to prospective listeners.
 - a. Do not hit the stop button until you are prepared to end the interview. You cannot pause.
 - b. You can drop a pin during the interview to mark a poignant moment, or to keep track of which question you are discussing.
 - c. When you've finished, hit the stop button.
4. Take a photo of you and the interviewee.
5. In the "Edit Interview" page, fill in the appropriate information beneath the picture you've taken.
 - a. The title should be informative and relate to the subject material within the interview. Something like, "Casa Grande's First Community Night," or "Jesuit Spirituality in Chicago's South Side."
 - b. The summary can explain the title in more detail. One to three lines maximum.
 - c. For keywords, separately add different descriptors by typing them, then pressing "add" after each one. Example: community ADD Jesuit ADD Chicago ADD. Be sure to add "JVC" as a keyword (and later as an organization too).
 - i. Within keywords, add "JVC" and "Jesuit Volunteer Corps" both as organizations.
 - ii. Add where the interview took place (by city) in the locations bar.
 - d. Include the participants in the following tab.
 - e. Finally, at the bottom, hit the save button.
6. On the next page, hit "publish interview" if you have a data plan or within Wi-Fi. If not, click "Save to device" and upload it to StoryCorps another time.
7. Once the interview has been uploaded (and if the right keywords have been included in the interview description), it will be searchable on the storycorps.me website.

Website Instructions and Cataloguing Interviews

1. Logging in is the same for the app as it is with the website. That being said, you don't need to log in to access resources, listen to interviews, or browse the archive.
2. Browsing: simply click "browse" on the top menu bar.
 - a. Click "search & explore" in the top right corner, beneath donate.
 - b. Type in "JVC", "Jesuit Volunteer Corps" or another keyword to sort through.
 - c. Listen to the interview.

Resources

<https://storycorpsme.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/2015/10/Getting-Started.pdf>

<https://storycorpsme.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/2015/10/Interview-Tips.pdf>

<https://storycorpsme.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/2015/10/Strategies-for-Groups.pdf>