

stories of the
VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE

Podcast: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I participate in sharing my story on The Vietnamese Boat People podcast?

A: It's easy to participate! If you have a story to share - whether it is yours or one that belongs to your family - you just need to be at least 18 years of age.

Q: Who will interview me if I decide to participate?

A: You will be interviewed by a staff member of our team. Tracey Nguyen Mang is our Chief Storyteller and conducts the majority of the interviews. However, we have a team of Associate Producers who often assist with interviewing. Additionally, depending on language requirements, a translator may be involved.

Q: Do I have to be Vietnamese or a boat person to participate?

A: Absolutely not! We welcome stories from individuals who were part of the Vietnamese diaspora experience in some way. Some of our interviewees fled Vietnam through other means and their stories of courage and separation are just as powerful. We also have stories captured from boat rescuers, refugee camp volunteers, and people who have sponsored Vietnamese refugees and families.

Q. How much does it cost to participate?

A: It's FREE to participate and to listen to our podcast! Vietnamese Boat People is run by a team of volunteers and we depend on donations to help us capture, curate and share these incredible stories at scale. Please consider [making a contribution](#) today. All donations are fully tax exempt. We are an IRS 501(C)3 nonprofit organization.

Q. Whom should I contact to get involved?

A: You can get in touch with us at stories@vietnameseboatpeople.org. Please be ready to provide the following information in your email:

- Full Name, Age, country of residence
- Brief overview of your story
- Preferred language to be interviewed in

Q: How long does the interview take and how should I prepare for the interview?

A: Once you submit an email of interest, we will contact you. The interview itself is typically conducted via phone or ZOOM meeting and recorded. If interviewees are located in the NYC Metropolitan Area, there is an option to record in-person. Each interview typically takes 60-90 minutes.

Once an interview has been scheduled, interviewees will be asked to sign a standard podcast release form. An interview guide will also be shared in advance and can be used to outline some notes prior to your interview. This will help you capture specific experiences or memories you would like to include. If possible, we recommend that you share these notes with us prior to the scheduled interview.

We encourage all interviewees to take time to find family and personal photographs and documents that you are willing to share publicly with your story. Photos and documents can be scanned and sent to us via email, saved as jpg files.

Q: Will my story appear on the podcast?

A: We do not guarantee that every interview will be published on our podcast. However, we do archive it as part of the Vietnamese Boat People digital collection. All our interviews become part of our oral history project and will be preserved for public access.

Q. Where will my story be archived?

Your interview will also be archived at the Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Archives, a repository within New York University Special Collections and featured in the Asian/Pacific/American Institute of New York University. Our relationship with the Tamiment Library ensures that the history and stories of our community will be preserved and have a permanent place in history.

As a non-profit entity, the Tamiment does not profit commercially from our archival work. This is meant solely to provide a historical record for the stories collected by our organization. The Tamiment Library will ensure the long-term preservation and care of the digital files and is open to the public and for research.

Additionally, we are happy to share the raw digital recording as a memento to your family's story.

Q: How long will this project go on?

A: We hope to continue the Podcast on an ongoing basis, dependent on funding. If you would like to support this project and mission of our nonprofit, please consider making a donation at www.vietnameseboatpeople.org

Q: How can I help contribute to this project?

A: There are several ways you can help!

- Share any artifacts such as photographs, documents, letters, etc. or contribute to the blog
- [Donate](#) to our nonprofit organization
- Help spread the word by following and sharing our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages