

# *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 family sponsors who stepped up and leaned to aid the Vietnamese refugee crisis.

**Q. How much does it cost to participate?**

A: It's FREE to participate and listen to our podcast! Vietnamese Boat People is run solely by volunteers and we depend on donations and support 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 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](mailto:stories@vietnameseboatpeople.org). Please be ready to provide the following information in your email:

- Full Name, contact email or phone number, a brief overview of your story and 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 send you a calendar scheduler to book a date and time. The interview itself is typically conducted via phone and recorded. If interviewees are located in the NYC Metropolitan Area, there is an option to record in our studio in Montclair, NJ. Each interview typically takes 60 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 should be used to outline some notes prior to your interview. This will help you capture specific experiences or memories you would like to include in the interview. 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: 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](http://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.
- [Donate](#) to our nonprofit organization
- Contribute to our blog or consider volunteering your time and talent
- Help spread the word by following our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages
- Share our news and updates on your social networks
- Share your stories and photos and tag [#vbpstories](#)