

My Journey in Education and Digital Storytelling

Fifteen years of language education, a move to the Netherlands, and a mission to make learning more accessible – through technology, storytelling, and human connection.



A Career Built on Language and Connection

For more than **fifteen years**, education has been at the heart of my professional life. As the **academic director of an international language school**, I supported students and teachers in developing effective language learning strategies.

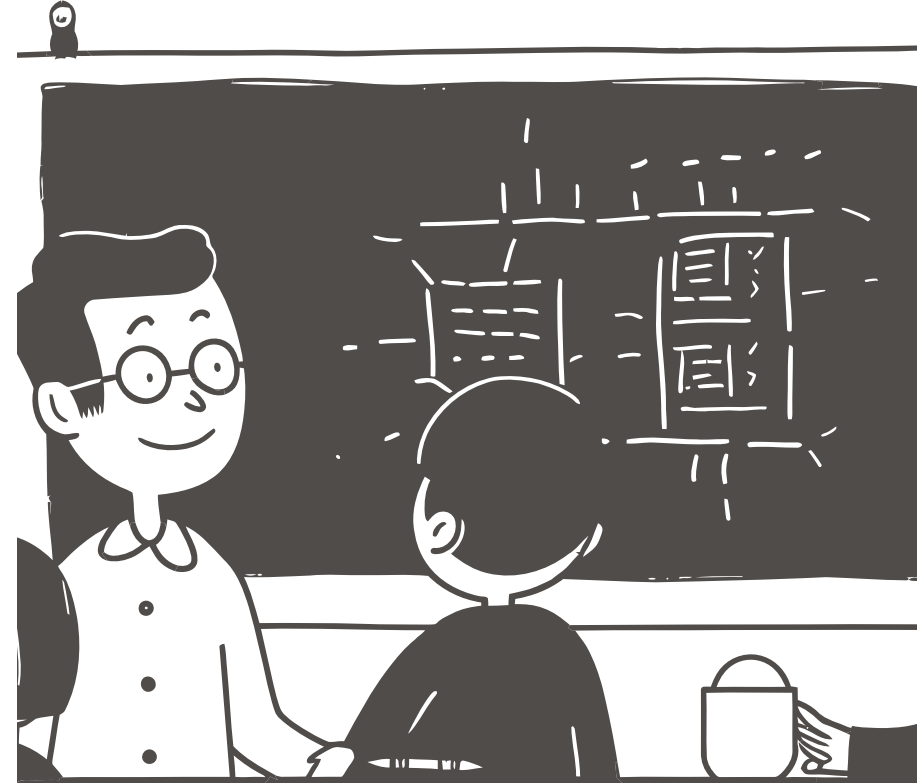
I witnessed first-hand how language education can open doors, connect cultures, and genuinely transform lives.

Language as a Bridge

Connecting learners across cultures and communities

Teaching as Leadership

Guiding both educators and students to grow



A New Chapter: Moving to the Netherlands

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Relocation & Reinvention

Seven years ago, I moved to the Netherlands and rethought my career path entirely

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Going International Online

I began working online with learners and educators from many different countries

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Building My Own Business

I founded my own education business in the Netherlands, staying true to my core mission

Rather than leaving education behind, I chose to expand – adapting my expertise to a new environment and a wider, international audience.

The Erasmus+ Project: A Turning Point

Receiving an **Erasmus+ small partnership grant** opened a new door in my professional journey – an opportunity to explore innovative approaches and collaborate with international partners on a shared social mission.

The Goal

Empower volunteers with AI-powered tools to support refugee language learning

The Partners

International collaboration across organisations working in language education and digital inclusion

The Impact

Helping refugees and migrants integrate more easily into host communities



PROJECT FOCUS

Supporting Volunteers in Refugee Language Education



The project equips **volunteers and non-professional educators** with practical digital tools that make language learning more accessible and engaging.

- Reducing barriers to language education for refugees and migrants
- Introducing approachable AI-supported resources
- Building confidence in both learners and their volunteer supporters

Discovering Digital Storytelling

Participating in **Digital Storytelling webinars** reshaped how I think about teaching and communication. Stories, visuals, and digital media create deeper emotional connections — making educational content far more memorable than traditional formats alone.



Emotional Depth

Stories reach learners where facts alone cannot



Richer Formats

Text, images, narration, and interactivity combined

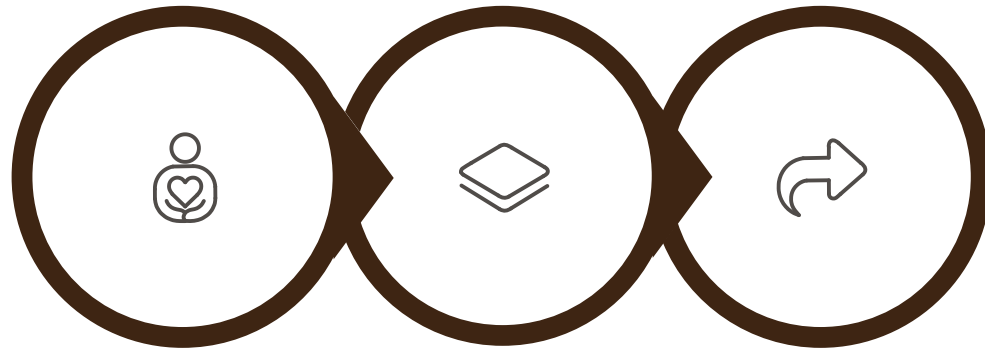


New Possibilities

Traditional materials transformed into engaging digital experiences



From Webinars to Practice: Building New Tools



Explore
Platforms

Combine
Media

Publish
Stories

The webinars inspired me to experiment hands-on. I began exploring platforms that allow educators to weave together text, images, narration, and interactive elements into cohesive learning experiences.

This led me to create a **self-made website** — a dedicated space where educational resources, project ideas, and digital storytelling techniques come together in one place.


AI in Education: Possibilities and Limits

What AI Can Do

- Generate and structure learning materials
- Personalise learning pathways
- Support lesson planning and content creation

What Only Humans Bring

- Empathy and cultural understanding
- Creative and adaptive teaching
- Genuine human connection with learners

 AI is a powerful assistant in the classroom – but the heart of education will always be human.

Where My Work Stands Today

My practice today is a blend of **fifteen years of language education experience**, modern digital storytelling methods, and AI-supported tools – united by a single mission: making education more accessible, meaningful, and inclusive.

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Language Education Roots

Deep expertise in teaching methodology and learner support

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International Digital Practice

Working with educators and learners across borders, online

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Digital Storytelling & AI

Transforming how learning materials are created and shared



A Source of Inspiration, Not Just Training

"The Digital Storytelling webinars were not just training sessions — they were an invitation to rethink how educational stories can be told and shared in the digital age."



Inclusive Education

Reaching learners regardless of background or location



Meaningful Stories

Using digital media to deepen learning and connection



What Comes Next

Continuing to evolve, experiment, and share with the wider community