

StoryCorps® national day of listening

Take Part in the 2011 National Day of Listening!

The Worcester Women's Oral History Project
is pleased to be chosen as an
Official State Partner
of the acclaimed oral history project, StoryCorps,
in celebrating the third annual National Day of Listening on
Friday, November 25, 2011

On the day after Thanksgiving, the Worcester Women's Oral History Project and StoryCorps are asking all Americans to start a new holiday tradition: set aside an hour to interview a friend, a loved one, or someone in their community about his or her life.

The Worcester Women's Oral History Project will contribute to the 2011 National Day of Listening through recorded interviews of women from the greater Worcester community.

While the family is gathered for the holidays, why not interview a family elder to learn more about your family's history? Or, interview a friend or community member who inspires you.

To record your own National Day of Listening interview:

1. Find someone you'd like to interview
2. Create your question list
3. Sit down to record your conversation

StoryCorps has created a free Do-It-Yourself (DIY) interview guide with step-by-step interview instructions, equipment recommendations, and sample questions that is available online at www.nationaldayoflistening.org. Or use the Worcester Women's Oral History Toolkit at <http://www.wwhp.org/activities-exhibits/oral-history-project>. You can record your interview using equipment that is readily available in most homes—from cell phones to tape recorders to computers or even pen and paper.

The National Day of Listening was started by StoryCorps in 2008 as a way to provide an alternative to "Black Friday" shopping sprees. By participating in this year's National Day of Listening, we hope you'll find that taking the time out to interview someone about his or her life is the least expensive but most meaningful gift that we can give.

StoryCorps' mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, preserve, and share their stories. Each week, millions of Americans listen to StoryCorps' award-winning broadcasts on NPR's *Morning Edition*.