

## **MAUTHAUSEN COMMITTEE AUSTRIA**

The Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ) is dedicated to commemorating the victims of National Socialism, particularly those imprisoned in Mauthausen Concentration Camp and the satellite camps, and anti-fascism and anti-racism activism, especially with young people. In the past three years alone the MKÖ has worked with more than 84.000 young people, leading civil courage training sessions, carrying out guided tours through the memorial site at Mauthausen Concentration Camp and former satellite camps, including preparation and post-visit work, anti-racism workshops and the anti-racism simulation game “Miramix”.

The Mauthausen committee Austria was founded in 1997 as a successor organisation to the Austrian Camp Community Mauthausen (an organisation of former Mauthausen prisoners) by the Austrian Federation of Trade Unions, the Roman Catholic Conference of Bishops with the Association of the Jewish Communities Austria. The Austrian Camp Community Mauthausen officially appointed the MKÖ as their follow-up organisation in 2000. The MKÖ thus undertook to preserve and communicate the legacy of the former concentration camp prisoners.

### **The aims of the MKÖ**

The MKÖ advocates for a free and democratic society and the protection of the human rights of all people, regardless of nationality, political disposition or religion, with particular emphasis on the protection of minorities. The MKÖ is resolute in its opposition to all forms of fascism, racism, right-extremism, chauvinism and anti-Semitism.

The MKÖ ensures the conservation of the former concentration camp Mauthausen and satellite camps and offers scientific and educational support. The MKÖ is a non-profit organisation and is not affiliated to any political party.