

PROGRAM

COMMEMORATION AND LIBERATION CEREMONIES 2021

„DESTROYED DIVERSITY“



Organized by Mauthausen Committee Austria
and our local initiatives and associations

“In memory of the blood shed by all peoples, in memory of the millions of brothers assassinated by Nazi-Fascism, we solemnly swear to never abandon this path. We want to erect the most beautiful monument that one could dedicate to the soldiers who have fallen for the cause of freedom of the international community on a secure basis: A world of free men! „We direct ourselves to the entire world, shouting: help us in this work!”

(Excerpt from Mauthausen Oath of liberated prisoners on 16 May 1945)

The **International Commemoration and Liberation Ceremony** at the Memorial Mauthausen and at sites of its former satellite camps were organized and conducted from 1946 by the camp survivors and their associations. As the successor organization of the Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors, Mauthausen Committee Austria has taken over this task and will organize these celebrations in 2021 on the occasion of the 76th anniversary of the liberation of the Mauthausen Concentration Camp.

Because over 90 percent of the victims were neither German nor Austrian, for us, the commemoration of the victims of the Mauthausen Concentration Camp and its satellite camps has international significance. The **International Commemoration and Liberation Ceremony is the largest such ceremony worldwide**. In addition to the main ceremony in Mauthausen, each year sees over 110 memorial events at locations of former satellite camps of Mauthausen CC and other sites of Nazi terror **throughout Austria**. Tens of thousands of visitors each year send a powerful signal: „**Never again!**“.

Each year we dedicate the Commemoration and Liberation Ceremonies to a special theme. Relevance to the present is an essential component of each annual theme. This is intended to provide young people in particular with reference to their world of experience today through an examination of the Nazi era and ideology. This year's Commemoration and Liberation Ceremonies are dedicated to **“Destroyed Diversity”** (details on the next page).

[The legacy of CC survivors \(mkoe.at/aams\)](http://mkoe.at/aams) forms the foundation of Mauthausen Committee activities. In addition to commemoration of the victims of Nazi crimes, especially crimes against prisoners held in Mauthausen CC and its satellite camps, other areas of focus are right-wing extremism, knowledge transfer, and engaged anti-fascist and anti-racist work, especially with young people.



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Millions of people were murdered by the Nazi terror regime. About two thirds of the Jewish population living in Europe before World War II, as well as countless Roma/Romnija and Sinti/Sinteza people, fell victim to the Nazis' racist politics. The racist persecution of the Nazis also included Slavs and other ethnic groups that were considered "inferior". People with illness or disabilities were denounced "parasites to the healthy body of the German people" and later systemically murdered. The Nazis' killing-machinery also claimed many victims among those who refused to follow their views, for political and/or for religious reasons. Basically, any person who was "different" in only the broadest sense, was at threat of being marginalised, persecuted, and even murdered. Due to the lack of workforce after the beginning of the war, more and more prisoners of war and civil forced labourers were captured in the occupied territories and deported to the "German Reich". There were countless camps for forced labourers in Austria. Racist principles were also applied to prisoners of war and forced labourers, and many of them were detained in concentration camps as well.

Mauthausen's camp system spread over all of Austria's states, except for Tyrol and Vorarlberg (where the subcamps were part of Dachau concentration camp) and Burgenland. The concentration camps that were part of the Mauthausen complex were never for Austrians only. The prisoners came from **72 different nations**¹. An important factor contributing to survival was knowledge of the German language, as all SS commands were given in German only. Not understanding a command and thus not being able to follow it fast enough was life-threatening to the prisoners. Moreover, solidarity amongst one mostly national group could increase the chances of survival for the individual.

„The members of the SS, clearly suffering from an inferiority complex, and also certain primitive prisoner functionaries were especially brutal towards Jews, intellectuals such as artists, teachers, students, and with the Soviet officers.“
- Hans Maršálek

Within the Mauthausen camp system, there was a segregated camp society, divided according to racist principles by the SS. The SS "categorised" prisoners according to nationality, "race", political affiliation, and reason for arrest. According to the Nazi ideology, German and Austrian prisoners were on top of the hierarchy. They were followed by Northern European prisoners, and then those from Western Europe. At the bottom end of the ranks were those stigmatised as "Jews", "Gypsies", and "homosexuals" as well as Soviet prisoners of war and many other Slavic groups of prisoners.

¹ The counted 72 nations at Mauthausen concentration camp must not be confused with nations that existed back then, nor today. A nation was and still is considered the affiliation to an ethnic group or an ethnicity, regardless of one's citizenship. For instance, all Soviet prisoners at Mauthausen were indeed Soviet citizens, but at the same time, they also belonged to a nation within the Soviet state territory: Russians, Ukrainians, Georgians, Kazakhs, Belarusians etc. This basically applies to all multi-ethnic states, but also to French prisoners, who were separately recorded as Alsations or Lorrains. The number of nationalities is thus considerably higher than the number of nations whose citizens were detained as prisoners in Mauthausen."

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The largest group of prisoners in Mauthausen was “political” prisoners and those who were persecuted for racist reasons. The “category” to which a prisoner was assigned determined their chances of survival. For people from certain nations and for certain prisoner categories, Mauthausen was almost without exception a death camp.

„The worst living conditions for Jewish prisoners were between the autumn of 1940 and December 1945; the Soviet prisoners of war suffered the same fate between October 1941 until late 1942, and the so-called K-prisoners in the years of 1944/45². Among the rest of the prisoners, those from Spain, Poland, Czechia, Yugoslavia, Italy, and Hungary had to suffer the worst.“
- Hans Maršálek

Jewish prisoners, who were among the most discriminated groups in the camp according to the Nazi racist ideology, were forced to work almost without exception at building the camps and they had to carry the stones in the so-called penal companies of the stone quarries. The Soviet prisoners of war, who were officially brought to the “Mauthausen/Gusen labour camp as prisoners of war”, had to work at setting up the “Russenlager” and as forced labourers in the quarry. Austrian and German “criminal” and „political” prisoners had the best chances of survival in the concentration camp. Nearly all other prisoners had virtually no chance at survival in that phase. This was due to constant undersupply of food, medical care, and basic hygiene measures, aside from the permanent abuse.

The total number of prisoners at Mauthausen is estimated to have been more than 200,000. More than 15,000 children and young people, and more than 10,000 women were among the prisoners. There will never be a final number, as countless prisoners were deported to Mauthausen without registration and then simply murdered. At least 90,000 people were murdered at Mauthausen Concentration Camp between August 1938 and May 1945, or they died immediately after the liberation from the effects of their imprisonment. The Nazis’ racial fanaticism also manifested in the numerous forced labour camps and penal camps by the Gestapo - for the most part, all camps were strictly divided according to racist criteria. There were Gestapo penal camps for German Nazi opponents, there were forced labour camps for “Western labourers of German descent” from Flanders, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Norway. Next in the hierarchy were forced labourers from France, Italy, Spain, Czechia, Poland, and Yugoslavia, and at the very bottom there were Soviet (also referred to as “Eastern labourers”) and Jewish forced labourers.

² The SS used the following abbreviations in their prisoner transport files: K = Kugel (bullet); RU = Rückkehr unerwünscht (Return undesirable); NN = Nacht und Nebel (Night and fog, meaning prisoners were made to disappear). The note “K” meant a certain death sentence for the prisoners



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Shortly after the liberation, on 16 May 1945, the survivors of Mauthausen Concentration Camp took the “Mauthausen oath”, to **follow a common path; the one of freedom - indispensable for every population, of reciprocal respect, of collaboration in the great work of constructing a new world that is free and just for all.** The concept of human rights was non-existent for the Nazis. With the images of two devastating world wars still clear in the minds of the victims, this concept was put into written form a few years after the end of the war by the International Community as the “Universal Declaration of Human Rights” and included in the national constitutions. The development of equality and equal rights for all humans still does not come up to the oath by the survivors of Nazi terror. The establishment of “We against the Others” groups is becoming ever stronger. Marginalisation and discrimination happen daily and are simply accepted by the majority of our society. Racism, antisemitism, sexism, and right-wing extremism are society-wide problems. People are rejected because of their headdress or their sexual orientation, categorised according to their origin or religion, and even classified as parasites or assailants; women are still fighting for equality and against violence.

In the very recent past, more racist incidents than ever before were reported in Austria. Media reports about discrimination, hate crimes and violent crimes have become the new daily normal. We have all started noticing such incidents in our personal surroundings. On top of that, we are faced with permanent baiting and scaremongering. Some people see their prejudices confirmed through this. An increase in racially motivated police brutality, violence, and discrimination against women and homosexuals, right-wing extremist crimes on the one side, are faced with international solidarity movements such as “Black Lives Matter” or “Me too”, which rouse people from their apathy and thoughtlessness. Each and every one of us is called upon not to look away and to help other people - in our analogous as well as in our digital world.

ANNEXE

[Annex I: Categorisation by the SS \(mkoe.at/anhang2-2021\)](https://mkoe.at/anhang2-2021)

[Annex II: Kennzeichen für Schutzhäftlinge in den konz. Lagern \(mkoe.at/anhang3-2021\)](https://mkoe.at/anhang3-2021)

SUNDAY, 16. MAY 2021**MAUTHAUSEN**

Mauthausen Memorial,
Erinnerungsstraße 1
Upper Austria



11:00

International Liberation Ceremony 2021 "Destroyed Diversity"

Sunday, 16th of May 2021, will be the 76th anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen Concentration Camp. On the occasion of the liberation of Mauthausen Concentration Camp, the **International Commemoration and Liberation Ceremony** will take place at the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial again - this time in the form of a **commemorative procession with a reduced number of participants**. The official requirements of the Covid-19 measures will be taken into account here. In order to still make the liberation ceremony accessible to a wide audience, the commemoration will be **streamed live on the online channels of the Mauthausen Committee Austria and broadcast by ORF III**. The annual theme of the 2021 commemoration and liberation ceremonies is dedicated to the diversity of victim groups persecuted by the National Socialists. The International Liberation Celebration is the largest commemoration and liberation celebration worldwide.

More information on the broadcast, travel and schedule at:

www.mkoe.at/en/memorial-and-commemoration-work/memorial-and-liberation-ceremonies

MONDAY, 25. JANUARY 2021**WAIZENKIRCHEN**

Waffen-SS-Monument,
Stilfüssing
Upper Austria



18:30

Commemoration of the victims of National Socialism

On the occasion of Holocaust Remembrance Day, an invitation is extended to a vigil for the victims of National Socialism. The many millions of people murdered by the terror regime will be remembered! A grave in Stilfüssing, where 13 fallen Waffen-SS are buried, serves as a memorial and pilgrimage site for right-wing extremists.

THURSDAY, 4. FEBRUARY 2021**GALLNEUKIRCHEN**

Monument for Peace, Anton-
Riepl-Straße
Upper Austria



19:00

Commemoration at the memorial for peace

Due to Covid-19 measures instead of a Commemoration Ceremony with audience, a video is being made which will be broadcast on regional TV stations on February 1. For more information visit: www.mkgallneukirchen.at

GALLNEUKIRCHEN

Memorial Stone, Hauptstraße 7
Upper Austria



19:30

Commemoration of the "Euthanasia Murders"

Due to Covid-19 measures instead of a Commemoration Ceremony with audience, a video is being made which will be broadcast on regional TV stations on February 1. For more information visit: www.mkgallneukirchen.at

FRIDAY, 5. FEBRUARY 2021

MAUTHAUSEN

Virtual hike,
www.perspektive-mauthausen.at
Upper Austria



19:00

Virtual hike

and subsequent contemporary witness talk with Anna HACKL. In accordance with the Covid protection measures, this year the hike will take place virtually. Starting from the Mauthausen Memorial concentration camp the hike will follow the steps of the concentration camp prisoners who escaped in the night of February 1st to 2nd, 1945. The historical walk will end at the home of the Langthaler family where the opportunity to talk to Anna HACKL is given. Find all information and links regarding participation at: www.perspektive-mauthausen.at; If you would like to participate in contemporary witness talk please register via perspektivemauthausen@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, 17. FEBRUARY 2021

WELS

Virtual Ash Wednesday, Youtube
Channel of the Welser Initiative
gegen Faschismus
Upper Austria

18:00

Political Ash Wednesday

Due to Covid-19 measures, the annual event "Political Ash Wednesday" will be held online with a contribution by former Federal Chancellor Franz VRANITZKY. Antifa will not be stopped by Corona and will stage the successful Ash Wednesday political format for the 11th time this year. The Welser initiative against fascism will upload the video on the coming Ash Wednesday at 6:00 pm on its online channel. [Click here for the virtual platform.](#)

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SATURDAY, 27. MARCH 2021

OBERWART

Virtual Conference,
cms.refugius.at
Burgenland

14:00

Virtual Conference - "Future as a Threat? Future as an opportunity!"

With right-wing populism, anti-feminism, anti-semitism, racism and conspiracy theories, the mood is set against democracy, freedom and diversity. How and where have our democracy and our democratic society changed under the influence of the "Corona crisis"? Will the crisis divide our society even more or will it make it more just? The virtual papers are also meant to be a critical gauge of what populist, autocratic, inhumane conditions and structures have crept in or intensified in recent months.

SUNDAY, 28. MARCH 2021**RECHNITZ**

Virtual Commemoration,
cms.refugius.at
Burgenland



14:00

Virtual Commemoration ceremony for all victims of the construction of the South-east wall

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the commemoration ceremony for all victims of the Südostwallbau will not take place as usual at the Kreuzstadl in Rechnitz this year. **A video of the commemorative act** (contributors among others: Paul GULDA, Chairman of the RE.F.U.G.I.U.S. Association; Schlomo HOFMEISTER, Rabbi; Martin KRAMELHOFER, Mayor of Rechnitz; Bogdan LAKETIC, Accordion) is available on the [website](#).

THURSDAY, 1. APRIL 2021**GLEISDORF**

Service-Center Gleisdorf
Styria



13:00 - 18:00

Contemporary history bike tour "Solidarity in April 1945"

An East Styrian family as life savers of Hungarian-Jewish forced laborers. Expertly accompanied by Engelbert KREMSHOFER, book author and regional researcher. Planned route: Gleisdorf, Nitscha, Prebuch, Groß Pesendorf, Prebensdorf, Gnies, Dörfel, Gschmaier - route length 31km. Return parallel to the B65 - route length 19km.

MONDAY, 5. APRIL 2021**GRAZ-LIEBENAU**

Maria Caesar Park, memorial
plaque at the Grünanger,
Angergasse 78
Styria



16:00

Commemoration for the victims of the death march of Hungarian Jewish women in the Liebenau camp, the forced laborers and the women who underwent forced abortions and medical experiments

Program: Christoph WUNDRAK, flugelhorn; Dr. Rainer POSSERT, welcome; speeches: Univ.Prof. Dr.in Barbara STELZL-MARX, L. Boltzmann Institute Graz; HR Dr. Heinz ANDERWALD, member of the Jewish community Graz. Current Covid-19 measures will be observed at the memorial service.

SATURDAY, 10. APRIL 2021**PEGGAU**

Protestant Church,
St.Margarethenstr. 4
Styria

11:00

Memorial walk

along the prisoners' path from their workplaces to the former camp grounds.

PEGGAU

Memorial Hinterberg
Styria



15:30

Ecumenical memorial

service with texts, music and reading of the victims' names.

SUNDAY, 11. APRIL 2021**HADERSDORF AM KAMP**

Cemetery, Hadersdorf am Kamp,
Leuthnersiedlung 28
Lower Austria



13:00

CANCELLED due to the COVID-19 pandemic - Memorial ceremony for those murdered on 7th April 1945

STEIN A. D. DONAU

Cemetery, Stein an der Donau,
Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße
Lower Austria

15:00

CANCELLED due to the COVID-19 pandemic - Memorial ceremony for the victims of the massacre on 6th April 1945 and for the victims of the massacre on 15th April 1945.

MONDAY, 19. APRIL TO THURSDAY, 23. APRIL 2021**LINZ**

Virtual Hermann-Langbein-
Symposium 2021,
www.langbeinsymposium.at
Upper Austria

08:30

Hermann-Langbein symposium

The symposium will be held online this year.

For more than 40 years, the seminary "Ideology and reality of National Socialism", better known as the "Hermann-Langbein symposium", has been a substantial module for continued education on the topic of the "Nazi era in Austria". The aim of the symposium is to raise awareness about the atrocities of the Nazis and to offer extensive knowledge and information about antifascist educational work for teachers of all school types. Since the place where the seminar is held is close to the Mauthausen and Hartheim memorial sites, excursions to these memorial sites and their educational offers are possible. The seminar is accessible to everyone and it is also possible to only attend individual lectures. It is the longest running event within the teacher training activities.

WEDNESDAY, 21. APRIL 2021**WIENER NEUSTADT**

Memorial Serbenhalle,
Pottendorferstr. 47
Lower Austria



Virtual Zoom Lecture
Lower Austria



11:00

Wreath-laying on the site of the former subcamp Wiener Neustadt

near the memorial next to Serb hall with a limited number of representatives of the city.

18:30

Virtual Zoom Lecture with Lilly MAIER and her book "Ernst Papanek - Auf Wiedersehen, Kinder! Revolutionär, Reformpädagoge und Retter jüdischer Kinder" (engl. Ernst Papanek - Farewell, children! Revolutionary, progressive teacher and saviour of Jewish children).

Request of the Zoom-Link: michael.rosecker@gmail.com

ENNSDORF

Plaque at Marterl, corner of
Bäckerstr. & Westbahnstr.
Lower Austria



18:00

CANCELLED due to the Covid-19 pandemic - Commemoration "Destroyed Diversity"

Commemoration at the wayside shrine, followed by a joint Memorial path along the death march route to Enns.

For further information got to www.mkenns.at/

ENNS

Stairway Basilica St.Laurenz
Upper Austria



19:00

Commemoration with invited people

For further information got to www.mkenns.at/

FRIDAY, 23. APRIL 2021**KLAGENFURT**

Burghof
Carinthia

16:00

Memorial Walk from the Burghof to the Klagenfurt Regional Court

MAUTHAUSEN

Virtual Commemoration,
Youtubecannel perspektive
mauthausen,
www.perspektive-mauthausen.at
Upper Austria



20:00

Commemorative event in memory of the "Mühlviertler Menschenhatz" - "...somewhere there they lie..."

A musical-literary evening with Katharina STEMBERGER, Sigrid HORN and video contributions from the Neue Mittelschule Mauthausen and perspektive mauthausen. The focus is on the night of February 1st to 2nd, 1945 and the days that followed. The escape of more than 500 prisoners from the Mauthausen concentration camp and the hounding of the people fleeing from certain death, which the Nazis called a "hare hunt". This year's title of the event is taken from a text by Doron Rabinovici: "Somewhere there they lie. Somewhere there they were buried. Under a wheat field or in the soil of that field there. Perhaps a grove has long since grown in that place." And today? ... somewhere there they lie ... in Moria, in Lampedusa, inThe evening spans a literary and musical arc from the past to the present. [Youtubecannel of perspektive mauthausen: www.perspektive-mauthausen.at](https://www.perspektive-mauthausen.at)

WEDNESDAY, 28. APRIL 2021**ANSFELDEN**

Kremsbrücke, Gh. Stockinger
Upper Austria



ABC - Anton Bruckner Centrum,
Carl-Anton-Carlone-Str. 2
Upper Austria

18:00

Fighting Oblivion - Commemoration focusing on "Destroyed Diversity"

Commemoration Ceremony for those murdered on the death marches of the Jews from Mauthausen - Gusen to Gunskirchen in April 1945.

Life in diversity in art, science, pictures, texts, names - forbidden, burned, destroyed, expelled. Installations in vision, sound, language,- colorful, diverse, connecting.

19:30

WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL AUTUMN - Opening of the touring exhibition "GehDenkSpuren 2020"

In memory of the victims of the death marches from Mauthausen-Gusen to Gunskirchen in April 1945. Organized by: Platform "Against Oblivion", Mauthausen Committee Ansfelden, Treffpunkt mensch & arbeit Nettingsdorf, ÖGB Linz-Land.

WELS

Jewish memorial Cemetery
Upper Austria

19:00

Remembering the victims of the death marches of Hungarian Jews

In remembrance of the victims of the death marches from CC Mauthausen to the satellite camp Gunskirchen in April 1945, the Wels Initiative against Fascism will host the 21th annual memorial ceremony. The event will take place under any weather conditions at the Jewish Memorial in the north part of the cemetery in Wels, where more than 1030 persons, mostly Hungarian Jews, were buried. Many of the prisoners were freed by the US Army, but could not be saved; they died of diseases and exhaustion.

THURSDAY, 29. APRIL 2021**LENZING**

Memorial in Pettighofen,
Agerstraße
Upper Austria



Cultural center Lenzing, Johann-
Böhm-Straße 1
Upper Austria

18:00

Commemoration ceremony

in memoriam of the detained female prisoners at the former subcamp of Lenzing near the memorial stone in Pettighofen.

19:30

CANCELLED due to the Covid-19-pandemic - Reading

with Peter POHN from his book "When the great disaster began".

ST. AEGYD/NEUWALDE

KZ-Gedenkstätte St. Aegyd,
Facebookpage of
Gedenkinitiative KZ-Außenlager
St. Aegyd/Nw - GISTA
Lower Austria



18:30

Wreath laying and individual commemoration

Due to the Corona restrictions, a wreath-laying ceremony will take place on site as a small-scale event. In addition, throughout the day there is the possibility to commemorate individually at the concentration camp cemetery. White roses and candles will be provided for this purpose directly on site. Various short videos and contributions will be published on the annual theme "Destroyed Diversity" on the Facebook page of the Memorial Initiative Concentration Camp Subcamp St.Aegyd/Nw - GISTA.

MONDAY, 3. MAY 2021**ZIPF/VÖCKLABRUCK**

Monument Zipf, Langwies 48
Upper Austria

18:00 - 18:45

Commemoration

at the monument next to the church

Pfarre Zipf, Langwies 48
Upper Austria

19:30

CANCELLED due to the COVID-19 pandemic - Reading

with Ludwig LAHER from his book "Schauplatzwunden".

WEDNESDAY, 5. MAY TO TUESDAY, 11. MAY 2021**WIEN**

Heldenplatz
Vienna

10:00

Commemorative action at Heldenplatz

The Festival of Joy to commemorate the victims and the joy of liberation from the Nazi reign of terror will be held virtually once again on May 8th in 2021 due to Covid-19 and is dedicated to the focus "Destroyed Diversity".

Until the Festival of Joy was established in 2013, far-right fraternities held a commemoration of the dead for "their" fallen heroes, soldiers and members of Nazi crime organizations at Heldenplatz. An unworthy image for Austria. To emphasize this special significance of Heldenplatz for the celebration of joy despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the Mauthausen Committee Austria is organizing a symbolic commemorative action there from **May 5th to 11th**, 2021. 23 life-size photos of concentration camp survivors and their quotes will remind passers-by and interested parties of the horrors of the Nazi era. Excerpts from the Mauthausen Oath in various languages will also be on display. On **May 8th**, 20 more life-size pictures of survivors will follow, which will only be on display at Heldenplatz on Liberation Day. The event will be held under the appropriately valid Corona measures.

WEDNESDAY, 5. MAY 2021

GLEISDORF

Shoah Memorial, Town hall square Styria



Begrüßungsrede: Bf Christoph Stark, Katholischer Pfarrer Giovanni Prietl
Bede: Ulrike Lachmann, Mitglied im Ensemble des Schauspielhaus Graz, spricht über die "Theaterinszenierung von Charles Dreyfus' Film „Der große Diktator“ und über Aussagen der beteiligten Schauspieler.
Music: Peter Blasge, BA / Musikschule Gleisdorf
 "Tausende ungarische Zwangsarbeiter*innen, Jüdinnen und Juden, wurden im April 1944 durch unsere Dörfer getrieben. Sie wurden abtransportiert und in Konzentrationslager Mauthausen eingesperrt. Menschen wurden wegen ihres Glaubens, ihrer ethnischen Herkunft oder ihrer politischen Zugehörigkeit wegen ausgegrenzt und in vielen Fällen der Vernichtung zugeführt. Aber auch Menschen aus der Mehrheitschicht, mit körperlichen oder geistigen Beeinträchtigungen, wurden in Campen des NS-Regimes. Es ist unsere Aufgabe, für Toleranz, Achtung und Vielfalt in der Gesellschaft einzustehen. Leben ist Vielfalt!"
 facebook.com /VerstZat Mauthausen Komitee Österreich Kulturpakt Gleisdorf

10:00 - 10:45

Has been postponed for an indefinite period - Commemoration ceremony with thematic focus on "Destroyed Diversity" - Life is Diversity

Celebration of the day of remembrance against violence and racism in memory of the victims of National Socialism.

Welcome: Mayor Christoph STARK, Catholic priest Giovanni PRIETL. Speech: Alexej LOCHMANN (member of the ensemble of Schauspielhaus Graz) speaks about the theatrical production of Charlie Chaplin's film "The Great Dictator" and reads excerpts of the famous final speech. Music: Peter BLASGE, BA / Music School Gleisdorf.

THURSDAY, 6. MAY 2021

VÖCKLABRUCK

Memorial stone next to district sports hall Upper Austria

10:00 - 10:45

Commemoration

in collaboration with the Don Bosco School of Vöcklabruck.

FRIDAY, 7. MAY 2021

VIENNA-FLORIDSORF

District Museum, Prager Str. 33 Vienna



09:30

Memorial ceremony

History: After Allied air strikes on Vienna-Schwechat, arms production by the Heinkel company was moved to the underground cave system Seegrotte Hinterbrühl. Until this system could be used, Heinkel manufactured in various breweries in Vienna, including in Vienna-Floridsdorf. The CC is also called Floridsdorf I, "Julius" (code name for Heinkel Production) or "AFA Werke."

Commemoration and remembrance: Part of today`s Vienna city autobahn A22 leads across the site of the former brewery Mautner in Jedlese. In front of the nearby city museum Floridsdorf, a plaque commemorates the former satellite camp. The site of the barracks now hosts a football field. The former factory premises of AFA Werke are now a commercial zone. Each year a memorial ceremony is hosted by the group "Never Forget" at the plaque in the city museum Floridsdorf.

BRAUNAU AM INN

Monument against war & fascism, Sbg. Vorstadt 15 Upper Austria



10:00

Memorial near the memorial stone

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year`s memorial celebration will take place without an audience, nor the Democratic Choir, nor the guest speakers. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony and a minute of silence, with Johannes WAIDBACHER, mayor, and Florian KOTANKO, from the association for contemporary history, present. Representing MKÖ, Werner FORSTER will lay down a wreath.

INNER-CITY

Mahnmal der Opfer der Gestapo,
Morzinplatz
Vienna



11:00

Kranzniederlegung im kleinen Kreis beim Denkmal der Opfer der Gestapo
Virtuelle Übertragung wird bekanntgegeben.

ST.VALENTIN

Anna-Strasser-Platz, Herzograd
Lower Austria



17:00

Commemoration on the theme of "Destroyed Diversity"

Ulrike KÖNIGSBERGER-LUDWIG, Regional Minister for Health and Social Affairs of Lower Austria, and Hannah M. LESSING, Secretary General of the National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism, will speak on the topic of "Destroyed Diversity". The commemoration will be organized by the Catholic Youth and the Jungschar of the parish of St. Valentin. The musical accompaniment will be provided by the group Widerstand under the direction of Anna SALOMON. The current valid COVID-19 protective measures will be observed.

SATURDAY, 8. MAY 2021

VIENNA

www.festderfreude.at, Virtual
Festival of Joy
Vienna



18:20

Festival of Joy

To commemorate the victims and the joy of liberation from the Nazi reign of terror, the Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ) will organize the Festival of Joy for the 9th time on May 8th, 2021. On May 8th, 1945, the German Wehrmacht surrendered and World War II ended in Europe. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Festival of Joy will once again be held **virtually** in 2021 and will be dedicated to the focus "Destroyed Diversity." This diversity will also be seen in the program of the virtual Festival of Joy. The highlight will be speeches by contemporary witness Katja STURM-SCHNABL and Federal President Alexander VAN DER BELLEN at Heldenplatz, there will be a symbolic commemoration with quotes and photos from survivors as well as excerpts from the survivors' Mauthausen Oath in various languages. The celebration of joy will be streamed on the online channels of the Mauthausen Committee Austria and broadcast by ORF III.
Further information at: www.festderfreude.at

NEUMARKT

Lind Castle/das ANDERE
heimatmuseum
Styria



19:00

CANCELLED due to the COVID-19 pandemic - Reading

In her award-winning novel "Angel of Oblivion", Maja HADERLAP tells the story of an adolescent girl's daily attempt to understand her family and the people around her. Although the war is over, it is still omnipresent in the minds of the Slovenian minority to which the family belongs. Going to the forest meant "not only cutting trees, hunting or picking mushrooms". It meant hiding, escaping, joining the partisans and resisting.

SUNDAY, 9. MAY 2021**GALLNEUKIRCHEN**

Monument for Peace, Anton-Riepl-Str.
Upper Austria



18:30

Commemoration ceremony at the memorial for peace
Statement of the ÖGJ-JuZ: Diversity is welcome; Scenic reading of the Gusentheater Gallneukirchen and the group Kohelet3: "Umkehr"; Ceremonial address of diocesan bishop Dr. Manfred SCHEUER

TUESDAY, 11. MAY 2021**ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM**

Memorial railway station
Upper Austria



Puchheim castle courtyard,
Gmundner Str.1
Upper Austria

18:30

Commemoration ceremony
at the memorial railway station.

19:00

Commemoration ceremony
at the Puchheim castle courtyard.
Guest speaker: Rupert HENNING, author

WEDNESDAY, 12. MAY 2021**LINZ**

Chapel of College of Education of
Diocese Linz, Salesianumweg 5
Upper Austria



19:00

CANCELLED due to the COVID-19 Pandemic - Commemoration Ceremony, The Geh! Denk! Feier! (Walk! Think! Celebrate!)

For the former subcamp Linz II - organized by students of the 8th grade of Adalbert Stifter Middle School.

FRIDAY, 14. MAY 2021**GUNSKIRCHEN**

Memorial on the federal highway
B1
Upper Austria



15:00

Wreath laying and silent commemoration

Due to Covid-19 regulatory requirements, a small circle wreath laying ceremony will take place in the form of a silent memorial.

ST. GEORGEN A.D. GUSEN

Entrance "Bergkristall"
Upper Austria

17:00

CANCELLED due to the COVID-19 pandemic - International Youth Exchange at "Bergkristall"**SPITAL AM PYHRN**

Church Sankt Leonhard,
Eggerweg 3
Upper Austria



17:00

CANCELLED due to the COVID-19 pandemic - Commemoration ceremony followed by the wreath-lying for the victims of National Socialism in the "Fremdvölkisches Kinderheim."

The Commemoration ceremony focuses on the theme 2021 "Destroyed Diversity"; Memorial Speech: Dr. Fritz DITTLBACHER - ORF Current Service, Music: Die Pfiffigen Pfeifen from Windischgarsten.

SATURDAY, 15. MAY 2021**EBENSEE**

Memorial Ebensee
Upper Austria



10:30

Liberation ceremony on the site of the former concentration camp Ebensee**LANGENSTEIN/GUSEN**

Forecourt of the Memorial
Gusen, Georgerstraße 6
Upper Austria

17:00

Wreath laying ceremony with virtual memorial service

Particularly emphasizing the persecution of Slavic nationals, Jews, Roma and Sinti in Gusen.

SUNDAY, 16. MAY 2021**MAUTHAUSEN**

www.mkoe.at, ORF III
Upper Austria

10:15

Ecumenical TV service for the Mauthausen commemoration

The Ecumenical Service of the Word for the International Liberation Ceremony at the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial on Sunday, May 16, will also take place virtually in 2021 on the online channels of the Mauthausen Committee of Austria and on ORF III starting at 10:15 a.m. due to Covid 19 measures. Participants will be the Catholic diocesan bishop of Linz Manfred SCHEUER, the Protestant superintendent of Upper Austria Gerold LEHNER and the Orthodox archpriest Alexander LAPIN. A quartet of the choir of the parish of Mauthausen under the direction of Alfred HOCHEDLINGER will provide the musical accompaniment.

MELK

Memorial Melk, Schießstattweg 8
Lower Austria



15:00 - 17:00

Vigil with individual commemoration and musical interventions

Individual commemoration for the victims of the former subcamp Melk is possible during the mentioned period.

The current COVID-19 security measures will be observed.

RIED/RIEDMARK

Monument "Mühlviertler
Hasenjagd"
Upper Austria



15:30

Original event CANCELLED due to COVID-19 panemic

Silent commemoration is available on May 16th. A virtual memorial contribution from the local initiative follows.

MONDAY, 17. MAY 2021

AMSTETTEN

Memorial, Eisenreichdornach
(access Schabfelstr.)
Lower Austria



10:00

Wreath-laying

In memory of Amstetten Subcamp and the civilian victims of the bombings in 1944/45.

MELK

CC Memorial, Melk Memorial
Lower Austria



10:00 - 12:30

Vigil with individual commemoration and musical interventions

Individual commemoration for the victims of the former subcamp Melk is possible during the mentioned period.

The current COVID-19 security measures will be observed.

STEYR

CC Memorial, Haager Straße
Upper Austria



17:30

Celebration of the liberation of the former Steyr Subcamp with a minute's silence at the memorial in Steyr

Due to the Covid decree the Mauthausen Komitee Steyr will hold a meeting with wreath laying in a small setting on behalf of all visitors.

Greeting: Mag. Karl RAMSMAIER - MK Steyr, Greetings: Ing. Markus VOGL - Vice Mayor of the City of Steyr, Biographical traces: Othmar WUNDSAM, Stefan CHODYN, Daniel VELU;
Music: Quartet of the Stadtkapelle Steyr conducted by Ernst KRONSTEINER.

THURSDAY, 27. MAY 2021

VILLACH

Monument of names,
Widmannngasse 35
Carinthia

18:00

Laying of wreaths and commemoration of the victims of National Socialist tyranny in the district of Villach

Welcome: Hans HAIDER, greetings: Mayor Günther ALBEL, speech: theater maker Martin DUELLER, reading: Yulia ISMAJLOVA and Felix STRASSER from the "Free Theater Vada" - "Sinti in Carinthia", music: Martin RANEG with accordion.

SATURDAY, 29. MAY 2021

PEGGAU/HINTERBERG

Train station Peggau
Styria

12:00

Mauthausen - subcamp Peggau Hinterberg

The tour starts at the Peggau train station, leads to Hinterberg to the site of the sleeping barracks of the former subcamp Peggau. From there the tour continues down the road to the workplace in the Peggauer Wand, which existed at that time as well. The official tour ends at the actual tunnels of the underground relocation.

SUNDAY, 6. JUNE 2021

MANK-DORNA

Monument Dorna, Haus Dorna
Nr. 1
Lower Austria



15:00

Commemoration ceremony in Mank-Dorna

Memorial speech and music: Paul GULDA

The memorial for three concentration camp prisoners murdered in April 1945 at the farm of the Will family in Mank (Dorna 1) during a death march from the Vienna-Saurerwerke subcamp to Mauthausen was erected 11 years ago by Alois WILL. As a young boy, he was an eyewitness to the murder and was responsible for the erection of the memorial.

FRIDAY, 11. JUNE 2021**NEUMARKT**

Lind Castle/das ANDERE
heimatmuseum
Styria



20:00

"And they all waved" - Reading and music

Reading with Bruno SCHERNHAMMER and musical accompaniment by Richie WINKLER (saxophone, bass clarinet, clarinet) and Franziska HATZ (accordion). This novel by Upper Austrian author Bruno SCHERNHAMMER is based on historical facts. It depicts the enthusiasm of a disoriented youth, fostered by propaganda, for the gigantic construction project Reichsautobahn and the merciless utilization of forced laborers, who were obliged to carry out this monstrous project.

SATURDAY, 12. JUNE 2021**LOIBLPASS-NORTH**

Tunnel portal Loibl North, former
costumes office forecourt
Carinthia



09:00

Commemorative ceremony at the site of the former Loibl-Nord subcamp

The commemoration event is part of the tradition of efforts to anchor this subcamp of Mauthausen, that was considered "forgotten" for a long time in the cultural memory of Austria and Carinthia. The Mauthausen Committee Carinthia/Koroška as organizer feels obliged to the concentration camp victims of Loiblpas to keep their story of suffering and dying, but also their story of courageous resistance and survival in honorable memory. Memorial speech: Martin POLLACK, journalist, writer and literary translator; voice of the contemporary witnesses: Reginald VOSPERNIK, pedagogue, former director of the Slovenian Federal High School and Federal Secondary School in Klagenfurt; voice of the youth with musical accompaniment.

SLOVENIA

Loibl South memorial
Slovenia

11:00

Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former satellite camp Loibl-South**SATURDAY, 26. JUNE 2021****BRETSTEIN**

Memorial at the former subcamp
Bretsteingraben
Styria



11:00

Commemoration ceremony

at the site of the former subcamp Bretstein.

SUNDAY, 27. JUNE 2021**BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA**

Peršmanhof, Koprein Petzen 3
Carinthia

14:00

Memorial ceremony at Peršmanhof

In remembrance of the victims at Peršman and Hojnik. From 1942, the mountain farm of the Carinthian-Slovenian family Sadovnik was an important base camp of the resistance movement, which spread from Yugoslavia into Carinthia. Shortly before the end of the war, the families Sadovnik and Kogoj paid for their support of resistance with the deaths of 11 family members. In the last days of the war, members of the SS and Police regiment 13 conducted a massacre at Peršmanhof that became a symbol of the family's collective suffering. The crime was never lawfully punished.

JUNE 2021

PRÄBICHL

Monument
Styria

Time will be announced
Memorial ceremony in memory of the victims of the former subcamp Eisenerz

Ski-Arena
Styria

Time will be announced
March of Life

VIENNA-SIMMERING

Haidestraße 22, Oriongasse,
Restaurant "zur Bast"
Vienna



Time will be announced
Commemoration ceremony

SATURDAY, 3. JULY 2021

GOLDEGG

Böndlsee
Salzburg



09:00
On the trail of the "Goldegger Wehrmacht"- deserters
Hike from Böndlsee Goldegg Weng to the Hirtenkapelle.

Monument
Salzburg



17:00
Commemoration ceremony
in memory of the victims of the Gestapo razzia on 2nd July 1944 in Goldegg.

SUNDAY, 5. SEPTEMBER 2021

GROßRAMING

Country School of Music,
Großraming, Kirchenplatz 3
Upper Austria

11:00
Opening of the traveling exhibition "Geh-Denk-Spuren"
The traveling exhibition will be on display from 03.09.2021 - 01.10.2021 at the Landesmusikschule Großraming.

SUNDAY, 12. SEPTEMBER 2021**BAD EISENKAPPEL/ ŽELEZNA KAPLA**

Memorial hike
Carinthia

09:00

Memorial hike

"On the footsteps of the domestic partisan officials Johan, Gašper and Lenart".

SEPTEMBER 2021**STRASSHOF**

Monument, Helmahofstraße
Lower Austria

**Time will be announced**

More Informations coming soon.

SATURDAY, 25. SEPTEMBER 2021**GREIFENBURG**

Upper Drava Valley, near
Trainstation Greifenburg
Carinthia



17:00

Commemoration ceremony

of the persecuted of the Upper Drava Valley.

THURSDAY, 30. SEPTEMBER 2021**EMMERSDORF A. D. DONAU**

Cemetery Emmersdorf
Lower Austria



10:00

Commemoration ceremony**FRIDAY, 1. OCTOBER 2021****ALKOVEN**

Hartheim Castle Education and
Memorial Site, Schloßstr. 1
Upper Austria



17:00

Commemoration Ceremony

Annual commemoration for the victims of Nazi euthanasia in Hartheim Castle.

TERNBERG

Parish barracks, Spielfeldstr. 1
Upper Austria



18:30

Commemoration ceremony

at the site of the former Ternberg subcamp in memory of the victims of National Socialism.

Organizer: Catholic Youth Region Ennstal - Co-organizers: Parish, Municipality, Music Association and Red Cross Ternberg. Memorial speech: Robert KRATKY, Radio host.

SATURDAY, 2. OCTOBER 2021**ST. PANTALEON**

Place of Remembrance,
Moosachstraße
Upper Austria



18:00

Commemoration for the victims of the NS camp St. Pantaleon-Weyer**BAD EISENKAPPEL/ ŽELEZNA KAPLA**

Peršmanhof, Koprein Petzen 3
Carinthia

18:00 - 01:00

"Long Night"

in the Peršman Museum

SUNDAY, 24. OCTOBER 2021**GOLDEGG**

Parish church Goldegg, Hofmark
100
Salzburg

14:00

World premiere of a cantata composed by Paul GULDA, followed by a **silent commemoration at the memorial stone** in Goldegg.

TUESDAY, 26. OCTOBER 2021**KLAGENFURT**

Annabichl
Carinthia



10:00

Memorial celebration

on the Austrian National Day in Klagenfurt-Annabichl. In memory of the victims of the Nazi terror regime in Carinthia.

OCTOBER 2021**CITY OF SALZBURG**

Ignaz Rieder Kai 21
Salzburg



11:00

Commemoration ceremony at the Memorial for Roma and Sinti

Organized by the Cultural Association of Austrian Roma in cooperation with the Peace Office Salzburg.

MONDAY, 1. NOVEMBER 2021**HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial, Johannesstr.16-32
Lower Austria



18:00

Memorial ceremony on All-Saints Day

created by participants.

TUESDAY, 2. NOVEMBER 2021**PICHL BEI WELS**

Parish church, Pfarrplatz 1
Upper Austria



19:00

All Saints Day service

Cemetery
Upper Austria

20:00

Commemorative ceremony at the cemetery

for the victims of the "Fremdvölkisches Kinderheim" in Etzelsdorf Castle.

TUESDAY, 9. NOVEMBER 2021**VIENNA-LANDSTRASSE**

Square for the Victims of
Deportation, Leon Zelman Park
Vienna

18:00

Vigil and ceremony

at the memorial in front of the former Aspang station.

NOVEMBER 2021**WARTBERG OB DER AIST**

Event Centre, Schulstraße 5
Upper Austria



15:00

Memorial event about "Mühlviertler Menschenhatz"

SATURDAY, 13. NOVEMBER 2021**LACKENBACH**

Memorial for Roma and Sinti
Burgenland



11:00

Commemoration ceremony

at the memorial for Roma and Sinti. On November 23th, 1940 the "Gypsy Camp" Lackenbach was set up on a former estate. Of some 4000 Roma and Sinti detained in Lackenbach camp, 2000 were deported to the ghetto Lodz/Litzmannstadt and murdered in autumn 1941. Only 300 to 400 prisoners survived until the liberation by Soviet troops in April 1945.

FRIDAY, 10. DECEMBER 2021**AFLENZ**

CC Memorial, Roman Quarry
Styria



17:00

**Commemoration of "Human Rights Day"
with wreath-laying ceremony.**

SATURDAY, 11. DECEMBER 2021**FÜRSTENFELD**

City park Fürstenfeld (monument
to the victims of death marches
of April 1945)
Styria



12:00

Vigil - "Destroyed Diversity"

organized by K.Ö.St.V. Riegersburg Fürstenfeld (MKV) and K.Ö.St.V. Vulkania Fürstenfeld (VFM).

FRIDAY, 31. DECEMBER 2021**HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial, Johannesstr. 16-32
Lower Austria



18:00

Commemoration ceremony at the turn of the year**DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED****HIRTENBERG**

Municipal Park, Bahngasse 3
Lower Austria

Time will be announced**Memorial ceremony at the site of the former satellite camp Hirtenberg****GUNTRAMSDORF / WIENER NEUDORF**

Town Hall, Europaplatz 2
Lower Austria

Time will be announced**Commemoration ceremony**

and project "Park of memory" in Wiener Neudorf.

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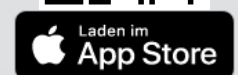
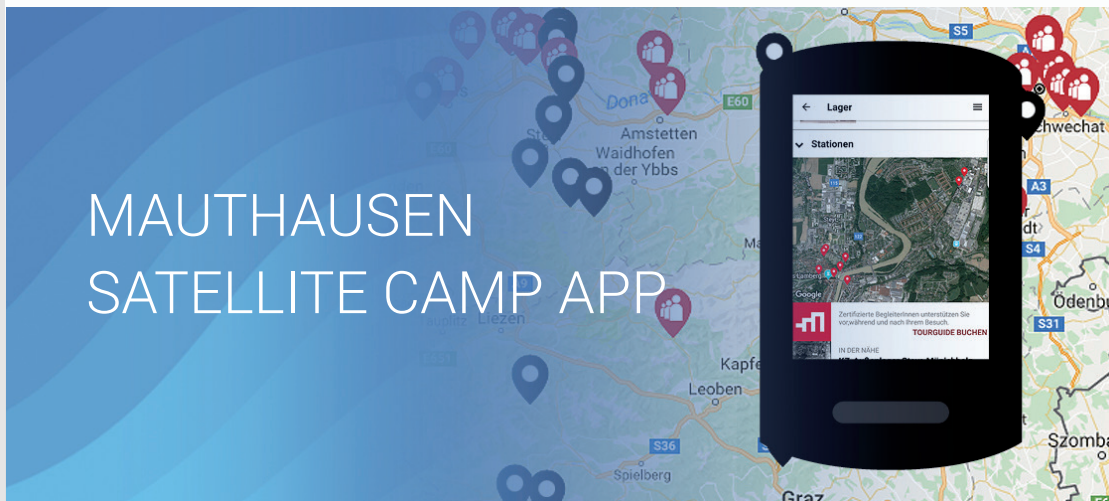
Memorial Dipoldsau
Upper Austria

**Time will be announced****Memorial ceremony at the site of the former satellite camp Weyer/Dipoldsau**

MAUTHAUSEN SATELLITE CAMP APP

Information, photos, videos on the history of the Mauthausen camp system and contributions by CC survivors are available in our free "Mauthausen Satellite Camp" App.

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