

“Quarry and Forced Labour”

Memorial and Liberation Ceremony 2015

Each year the Austrian Mauthausen Committee (MKÖ) organises and coordinates the commemorative events for the anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen Concentration Camp, working in close cooperation with the survivor organisations on a national (Austrian Camp Community Mauthausen) and international level (International Mauthausen Committee). The memorial and liberation events that take place at the Mauthausen Memorial are the largest in Europe. As well as the liberation commemorations at Mauthausen, a large number of other memorial events will be held at the sites of the former sub-camps of Mauthausen. Altogether the events organised by the MKÖ are attended by more than 30,000 people. With around 60 events taking place at former satellite camps and other places of Nazi terror, the powerful message of “never again” is underscored.

The majority of the events – visited by many people in the local area, but also from many European countries – are organised by local organisations and initiatives in close collaboration with the Austrian Mauthausen Committee.

Each year since 2006 the memorial and liberation events have had a different theme based on the history of Mauthausen and Austria’s Nazi past. Linking events to the present is also important for each year’s theme and should act to stimulate discussion and critical reflection of the period and ideology of National Socialism for young people, creating a link to their lives and experiences. This year the theme of “**Quarry and Forced Labour**” were chosen to frame the memorial and liberation events.

The commemoration of the victims of the crimes of the Nazi regime, particularly those who were held in Mauthausen and its sub-camps, as well as the engagement of those involved in anti-fascist and anti-racism work particularly with young people, form the core of the work carried out by the Austrian Mauthausen Committee. In recent years, the MKÖ has carried out youth civil courage training, guided visits to the memorial site at Mauthausen and the sub-camps, preparation and follow-up of concentration camp visits, anti-racism workshops such as the new workshop “Wir sind alle”, anti-racism simulation game “Miramax”, and diverse event-related or themed youth projects. Through these projects, the MKÖ has worked with over 43,000 young people.

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Mauthausen Concentration Camp was the only camp in the worst “Camp Level III” category. It was the most feared camp in the whole concentration camp system and for many prisoners it was the arrival in a death camp. Those people with “RU – Rückkehr unerwünscht” (Return undesirable) marked in their prisoner records were, from the point of their arrival on, sentenced to death. However, before their death, their potential as a labour force was to be fully exploited.

The quarry characterised the living and working conditions for the people imprisoned in Mauthausen – it was a place of terror. From 1939 onwards the majority of prisoners worked in the “Wiener Graben (Mauthausen)” and “Kastenhof” (Oberbruch and Unterbruch “Gusen”) and “Pierbauer” (Gusen), which would become the biggest granite works in the “German Earth and Stone Works Ltd. (DEST)”. The number of prisoners assigned to this work detail grew month-by-month. The DEST and the SS generated huge profits with the exploitation of prisoners in the quarries – a further motive for the continued development and use of slave labour.

Hans Maršálek (a former prisoner and for many years the chairman of the Austrian Camp Community Mauthausen) wrote: “Here, under conditions that met not even the most primitive safety precautions, the absolute maximum work was demanded and with absolute brutality, until people collapsed. And so it was possible to work particular prisoners to death by exhaustion without causing a stir: with a heavy stone on their shoulder and forcing them to run with beatings, it wasn’t long before the victim collapsed. Prisoners often met their deaths falling down the face of the quarry.” Particularly infamous was the quarry’s punishment detail. Prisoners in Mauthausen Concentration Camp who had been marked for death either by the Gestapo or the camp leadership were assigned to the punishment detail and were forced to carry 50kg (110lbs) slabs of granite up the so-called “Todesstiege” (“Death steps”) that led from the quarry to the camp. Nobody survived assignment to the punishment detail and the “Todesstiege” became one of the many symbols of the inhumanity of Mauthausen concentration camp.

Production at the quarry was slowed in autumn 1943 and the prisoners were “rented” to the armaments industry, which worked together with the SS in industrial locations to develop sub-camps. The concentration camp prisoners had to work in unimaginable conditions and the death rate in some of the camps was extremely high. A camp network was developed for this purpose, spread all over Austria, and with Mauthausen at its centre, dedicated to war industry, resources and logistical aspects. The former satellite camps at Gusen, Ebensee, Melk, Linz and many others around Vienna were the largest, at particular times having more prisoners than the main camp itself. As previously with the quarry, maximum profit was a higher priority than the consideration of human life. The method of “annihilation through work” practised by the SS in no way contradicted their business interests. Prisoners who were no longer able to work were murdered. With continuously incoming prisoners being deported to the concentration camp, these slaves were quickly replaced.

Even today the use of forced and slave labour has not disappeared. Millions of people live in slavery worldwide, particularly in the poorest and least developed countries people work for little or no pay, more than half of whom are women and a quarter are children.

The people of Europe must bear in mind that much of what contributes to the European prosperity we enjoy exists only because in other parts of the world people work in appalling conditions to produce consumer goods for starvation wages and without safety measures. Human lives and physical integrity count little today as then, particularly when it comes to cheap raw materials from South American mines, cheap brand trainers from Asia or the export of our poisonous waste to Africa. That the injustice happens nowadays out of our sight and in other countries makes us no less responsible. We should have learnt our lesson from history about what people can do to other people, even when it comes to the matter of maximum economic exploitation and the death of workers.

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Programme Memorial and Liberation Events 2015

Mauthausen, former satellite-camps and places of Nazi terror

Sunday, 10. May 2015

**Concentration
Camp Memorial
Mauthausen
Upper Austria**

International Liberation Memorial Ceremony

- 9.00am **Commemorative event at the Memorial for Roma and Sinti**
- 9.30am **Ecumenical liturgy (Chapel)**
with Metropolitan Dr. Arsenios KARDAMAKIS, DDr. Michael LANDAU, President of Caritas Austria and Bishop Dr. Michael BÜNKER
Music: MUSICA VIVA, Choir of the parish Mauthausen, Conductor: Alfred HOCHEDLINGER
- 10.00am **Rally at the national monuments**
- Commemoration of Richard Bernaschek** (at his memorial plaque)
- Commemorative event at the Spanish memorial**
Of the GRSÖ on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen/20 years GRSÖ.
Speaker: Erich HACKL
- Memorial rally of the Concentration Camp Organisation/VdA Upper Austria**
In front of the plaque dedicated to the 42 Upper Austrian resistance fighters who were murdered in the last gasings on 28th April 1945.
- 10.30am **International Youth Memorial Rally**
Begin: Quarry of the former concentration camp Mauthausen
Welcome: Sascha ERNSZT, State Youth Chair of the ÖGJ
Speech: Fiona KAISER, Federal State Chair of the Socialist Youth for Upper Austria
March to the camp via the “Todesstiege” (Death steps) (about 11.15am)
Memorial Event at the youth memorial (11.30am)
Music: by the group ‘Widerstand’
Address: Representative of the BJV
Speech:
Philip ZEHENTNER, Chair of the KJOÖ
Join the Memorial procession (about 12.00pm)
- 10.45am **Assembly** of the former prisoners, delegates and diplomatic representatives on the Lagerstraße according to land of origin and in alphabetical order.
- 11.00am **Memorial procession over the Roll Call area**
Address: Willi MERNYI, Chair Austrian Mauthausen Committee
Presenter: Konstanze BREITEBNER, Mercedes ECHERER
On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the liberation, the memorial procession will be accompanied by several international choirs, conducted by Alfred HOCHEDLINGER, as well as the Upper Austrian Military Band.
- about 2.00pm **End of the ceremony**

Tuesday, 20. January 2015		Mauthausen Donausaal Upper Austria	7.30pm	Reading: "...schlepp den Stein..." (...Carry the stone...) Cornelius OBONYA reads excerpts from The Exploitation of People. Music: Christian BUCHINGER
Sunday, 25. January 2015		Klagenfurt Künstlerhaus Carinthia	11.00am	Memorial Matinée by the City of Klagenfurt on the occasion of International Holocaust Memorial Day with the survivor Helga KINSKY-POLLAK and together with the pupils of Lerchenfeld-Gymnasium in Klagenfurt and MKÖ board member Peter GSTETTNER.
Sunday, 1. February 2015		Gallneukirchen Memorial to Peace Upper Austria	7.00pm	Memorial Event for the events of the manhunt in February 1945. Address: Dr. Walter AICHINGER, President of the Red Cross, Upper Austria. Co-organisers: The Scouts, Gallneukirchen, Engerwitzdorf, Stadtkapelle Gallneukirchen. Organiser: Mauthausen Committee Gallneukirchen
20. February to 31. May 2015		Amstetten Schloss Ulmerfeld Lower Austria		International Photography Exhibition "Das sichtbare Unfassbare" (The visibly incomprehensible) – Photographs of Concentration Camp Mauthausen Opening: Thursday, 19 th February 2015, at 7.00pm Accompanying educational programme to the exhibition
Saturday, 28. February 2015		Mauthausen Memorial Upper Austria	1.00pm	Contemporary history walk following in the footsteps of the Mühlviertel "Manhunt", followed by a talk by Anna HACKL in Gasthaus Kirchenwirt in Ried/Riedmark.
Saturday, 21. March 2015		Oberwart Lisztgasse 12/OHO Burgenland	11.00am - 6.00pm	Symposium/Conference "And when the war is over, ...?" Welcome: Paul GULDA, RE.F.U.G.I.U.S. organisation, and ADiR. Georg ROSNER, Mayor of Oberwart Speakers: Peter GSTETTNER, Klagenfurt: Forgotten Crimes, Suppressed Memories – 70 years later; Rainer POSSERT, Graz: The forgotten Holocaust in Graz-Liebenau; Krisztián UNGVÁRY, Budapest: Between forgetting and instrumentalisation. WWII memorial culture in Hungary 1945-2015; Tomić ĐORĐE, Berlin: "...and when the war is over, then comes peace?", Stories and memories of the Yugoslavian Wars in the 1990s; David VYSSOKI and Stefan STRUSIEVICI, Esra – Vienna: "Is it over, when it's over?"; Barbara PREITLER, Hemayat – Vienna: Surviving is not enough! Refugees in Europe 2015: Not welcome anywhere? Moderation: Walter REISS
Sunday, 22. March 2015		Rechnitz Memorial Kreuzstadl Burgenland	2.00pm	Memorial Event for all those who died building the Southeast wall with Paul GULDA, RE.F.U.G.I.U.S.; Superintendent Mag. Manfred KOCH, Evangelical Church; Bishop Dr. Paul IBY, Catholic Church; Chief Cantor Shmuel BARZILAI; Mag. Raimund FASTENBAUER, Jewish Community Vienna and Vilmos SIKLÓSI, Jewish Community of Zalaegerszeg. Main speaker: Agnes HELLER – survived the Holocaust in Budapest.
		Memorial Kreuzstadl	3.00pm	Opening-Memorial trail of Jewish life in Rechnitz With Mayor Engelbert KENYERI, Governor Hans NIESSL and Vice Governor Mag. Franz STEINDL
		NMS Rechnitz	4.00pm	Exhibition opening – Young People investigating the Past Histories with the use of life stories - Presentation by pupils of the NMS Rechnitz school, Reception by the Rechnitz Council. Music: Paul GULDA
Tuesday, 24. March 2015		Oberwart Diesel Cinema Burgenland	7.00pm	Movie – "Vielleicht in einem anderen Leben" (Perhaps in another life) An operette becomes a song of the resistance, a pan of soup becomes high treason and a small village shows its murderous side... Director: Elisabeth SCHARANG

Thursday, 26. March 2015	Ansfelden GIGA-Galerie in the Municipal Office Upper Austria	7.00pm	Exhibition opening "SCHUBLADENDENKEN" (Thinking in Boxes) – Artistic interpretation of the death marches the Jews of Hungary were forced to make in April 1945 and links to the present in the form of pictures, photos, sound and material. Music: Napalm Quintett unplugged and musical accompaniment from pupils of the secondary school.
Sunday, 29. March 2015	Jewish Institute for Adult Education Praterstern 1 Vienna	7.45pm Depart	15. Memorial Trip to Engerau Bus trip to the Memorial for the murdered Hungarian Jews of the Engerau camp and other places of memory in Bratislava as well as to the Memorial stone for the victims of the death march from Bad Deutsch-Altenburg/Wolfsthal.
Monday, 30. March 2015	Deutsch-Schützen Komm´Zentrum Burgenland	7.00pm	Book presentation Martin POLLAK: "Kontaminierte Landschaften" (Contaminated Landscapes), followed by a talk about "The massacre of the Jews in Deutsch Schützen on 29 th March 1945"
Friday, 3. April 2015	Hinterbrühl Memorial Lower Austria	2.30pm	Memorial Event with the procession of the Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, 8. April 2015	Saurerwerke- Simmering Oriongasse Vienna	2.00pm	Memorial Event Speaker: District Mayor of Vienna-Simmering Eva-Maria HATZL and member of the National Assembly Harald TROCH. The Memorial Event has been co-organised by Viennese schoolchildren.
Friday, 10. April 2015	St. Georgen/Gusen Färbergasse 4 Heimat-Museum Upper Austria	7.00pm	Exhibition opening "Surviving through art – Forced labour for the Messerschmitt Works in Gusen" with drawings by the Polish Officer and concentration camp prisoner F. Znamirowski. Open 10.5.2015–14.5.2015
Sunday, 12. April 2015	Region Ennstal Kleinreifling-Seewiese Weyer-Kastenreith Großbraming-Stockhalle Reichraming-Zentrum Losenstein-Pfarrkirche Ternberg-Ennsweg Garsten-Sandbrück Steyr Enns-Ennsdorf Mauthausen	7.00pm	Commemorative Candle Ceremony As part of the peace project "On offences:memory" the Catholic Youth of the Innstal region commemorate the death march of the Hungarian Jews along the Enns River in the final days of the war, 1945. On April 12 th – almost exactly 70 years after the events – at several locations along the route, floating candles will be placed in the river to create a procession of light. The River Enns will be transformed into a symbol of remembrance in the hope that such events never happen again.
Monday, 13. April 2015	Vienna Leopoldstadt Förstergasse 7	1.00pm	"70 Years of Liberation – Memorial Procession for the last victims of the Nazi regime" Rally: Raimund FASTENBAUER, General Secretary of the Jewish Community in Vienna and Walter KALLIWODA, survivor
	Innere Stadt Feuerwehr am Hof	2.00pm	Speaker: Prof. Harry KOPIETZ, 1 st President of the Vienna city parliament
	Innere Stadt Rathaus (City Hall)	3.00pm	Speaker: Erich FOGLAR, President of the ÖGB
13. - 17. April 2015	Linz AK Upper Austria Upper Austria		Hermann-Langbein Symposium 2015 Registration: thea@schwantner.com Registration for educators: www.ph-online.ac.at
Thursday, 16. April 2015	Graz NMS Dr.-Renner Styria	5.00pm	Memorial event "Camp Liebenau" Welcome and Opening: Dr. Rainer POSSERT, Chair of SMZ Liebenau; Paul GULDA, Chair of RE.F.U.G.I.U.S; Mag. Andreas MOLNAR, local councillor on behalf of the Mayor of Graz Mag. Siegfried Nagl Peace songs and Poems by pupils of the VS-Schönau and the NMS-Dr. Renner.

		6.00pm	Memorial at the Kindergarten, Andersengasse 49 Speaker: Klaus ZENZ, Member of the Styrian Parliament Representatives of the Socialist Youth, The Green Youth and the Communist Youth organisations
		6.30pm	SMZ District centre, former Camp Headquarters Contributions to the memorial event by: Joachim HAINZL, Austrian Mauthausen Committee Cantor Alexander LERNER: Kaddisch Stefan MANCIC, Accordion: "Hymn" by Aron Jay Kernis
Saturday, 18. April 2015			
	Peggau Evangelist parish Styria	4.30pm	Memorial Event organised by the Evangelical and Catholic churches in cooperation with the ARGE Youth against Violence and Racism with a related workshop.
Sunday, 19. April 2015			
	Linz Parish Marcel Callo Schörghenhubstr. 19 Upper Austria	9.30am	Memorial event by the Parish and the Catholic Employees Movement (KAB). Special mass by bishop (Altbischof) Maximilian AICHERN Excursion: In the footsteps of Marcel Callo in St. Georgen/Gusen and Mauthausen.
Wednesday, 22. April 2015			
	Ansfelden Festsaal Stadtamt Upper Austria	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Contemporary History Roundtable with Ludwig LAHER "The death march of the Hungarian Jews from Mauthausen to Gunskirchen – Structures of the barbarity." Introduction, talk, exchange and discussion
	City Library Upper Austria	7.00pm	Reading "BITTER" Ludwig LAHER reads excerpts from his latest novel.
Thursday, 23. April 2015			
	Wels Jewish Memorial Cemetery Upper Austria	6.30pm	Commemoration of death marches of the Hungarian Jews Welcome: Hermann WIMMER, Deputy Mayor of Wels Speaker: Gerhard HADERER, Artist Closing comments: Thomas RAMMERSTORFER, Vice-chair of the V Initiative against Fascism; in cooperation with the Evangelical Trombone Choir, Wels, conducted by Martin KÖBERL.
Friday, 24. April 2015			
	Salzburg city Ignaz Rieder Kai 21 Salzburg	11.00am	Commemorative Event at the Memorial to the Roma and Sinti in cooperation with the class 4HBTT of the HTBLuVA School Itzling. Head of pupil contributions: Christoph JANACS, Norbert DAMHOFER. During the Nazi regime the former trap racing course was used as a collection point for Roma and Sinti, from where they were sent to the "Gypsy Camp" at Maxglan
	Bad Eisenkappel Železna Kapla Forum Zarja Carinthia	7:30pm	Presentation of the book "Peršman" to commemorate the 70 th year anniversary of the crimes committed at Peršmanhof.
Saturday, 25. April 2015			
	Gleisdorf Gemeindeh. Nitscha Styria	9:00am - 4.00pm	Forced labour under the Nazi regime, Local Aspects History workshop with Mag. Bettina RAMP and Mag. Joachim HAINZL, ARGE Youth against Violence and Racism.
	Fürstenfeld Stadtspark Styria	12:00am	Vigil "Quarry and Forced labour" To commemorate the victims of National Socialism and particularly the Jewish-Hungarian victims of the death marches of 1945 and the fate of Wilhelm GUGIG (Buchenwald Concentration Camp) and Leo KUHN (Mauthausen and Ebensee Concentration Camps). Speaker: Gerald L. GUSCHLBAUER
Tuesday, 28. April 2015			
	Ansfelden Volksschule Brucknerstraße 10 Upper Austria	8:00am - 11.00am	Memorial trail for the death marches of the Hungarians Jews in 1945. GEH.DENKEN 2015 – Empower Children to make them ambassadors for democracy and freedom. With drums, stones and musical instruments as symbols of resistance and remembrance the pupils of the Class 4, their parents and teachers will process for the ninth time from the school to the Krems Bridge, where a Hungarian Jewish woman was murdered in front of her daughter.

Wednesday, 29. April 2015		
Ansfelden Kremsbrücke, Gasthof Stockinger Upper Austria	6.00pm	Memorial Event Theme: "Schubladendenken" (Thinking in boxes) In memory of the Hungarian Jews murdered in the death marches. Commemoration with Mayor Manfred BAUMBERGER and survivor Leopoldine GRÜNBART. Organiser: Platform "Wider das Vergessen" Haid/Ansfelden, ÖGB Linz County, Meeting point: mensch & arbeit Nettingsdorf.
Lenzing Memorial Upper Austria	6.00pm 7.00pm	Memorial Event and Wreath Laying at the memorial in Pettighofen. Reading with Ludwig LAHER and a concert from the vocal ensemble <i>mira</i> in the Lenzing Cultural Centre
Sunday, 3. May 2015		
Gallneukirchen Memorial to Peace Upper Austria	6.00pm	Memorial Event Theme: "Arbeitswürde – Sozialstaat". With contributions by: Willi MERNYI, Chair of the MKÖ: "Sozialstaat: Arbeit in Würde"; Former Mayor Mag. Walter BÖCK: "1945 – The Future needs Remembrance" Organised in collaboration with the ÖGJ Youth Centre Gallneukirchen and the Gallneukirchen Choir
Monday, 4. May 2015		
Gleisdorf Forum Kloster Styria	2.00pm - 7.00pm	10 Years "The Future needs Remembrance" As part of this conference, various memorial initiatives will introduce themselves and their work along the route of the death march. Concert: Bernd KOHLHOFER, Accordion; Paul GULDA, piano.
City of Salzburg Volksgarten Salzburg	6.30pm	Commemoration of the last victims of the liberation of the city on 4 th May 1945 at the Stolperstein with a historical introduction by Gert KERSCHBAUMER. Reading: Gudrun SEIDENAUER Music: Mozarteum
Tuesday, 5. May 2015		
Klagenfurt Khevenhüller Barracks Lendorf/Haupttor Carinthia	10.00am	Military Memorial Event for the 70 th year anniversary of the liberation of the satellite camp in Klagenfurt Lendorf. Memorial speech: Retired General Hubertus TRAUTTENBERG, Board member of the Schloss Hartheim organisation Welcoming comments: Reinhard ROHR, 1 st President of the Federal State Parliament Organisers: Mauthausen Committee Carinthia/Koroška, Prof. GSTETTNER in cooperation with the Military Commanding Brigadier GITSCHTHALER.
Vöcklabruck, Memorial stone Upper Austria	10.00am	Memorial Event and Wreath laying at the memorial stone outside the local sports hall.
Gleisdorf Rathausplatz Styria	11.00am	Day of Remembrance against Violence and Racism in memory of the victims of National Socialism. The event takes "Forced labour under the Nazi regime" as its theme. Pupils for the VS Wetzawinkel, NMS Gleisdorf and BG/BRG Gleisdorf are organising the ceremony. Memorial talk: Dr. Werner DREIER, erinnern.at Musical accompaniment: Victor PALIC, saxophone
Wednesday, 6. May 2015		
St. Aegydt/Neuwalde Kulturstadel/Hauptpl. Memorial Lower Austria	6.30pm	Memorial Event with the theme "Quarry and Forced labour". The Programme has been arranged by the NNÖMS St. Aegydt and GISTA. The event will be followed by the traditional silent march to the memorial at the Catholic cemetery St. Aegydt.
Attnang-Puchheim Train Station Upper Austria	7.00pm	Unveiling of a memorial with texts from the pupils of the Berufsschule Attnang and music from pupils of the ORG of Franciscans. Followed by a memorial event in the Phönixsaal Attnang. The memorial is dedicated to those who were forced to work on the train station in the years 1944-1945. Talks: Dr. Michaela VIDLÁKOVÁ, Survivor of Theresienstadt concentration camp; Dr. Christian RAINER, Chief Editor of <i>profil</i> ; ÖBB Chairman Mag. Christian KERN and Mayor Peter GROISS. Theater play: "Vergangenheit" (past) and "Gegenwart/Zukunft" (Present/Future) by the ORG Vöcklabruck. Music: Accordion orchestra "musica accordis"

Wednesday, 6. May 2015

Linz 7.00pm **Memorial Event** "...Freiheit herrscht nicht" (Freedom does not exist) at the Linz II sub-camp.
 Pädagogische Hochschule der Diözese Linz/Kapelle Salesianumweg 3 Upper Austria
 Pupils of the Adalbert Stifter School will present a musical scene and dialogues they have developed around the themes of "National Socialism" and "Freedom/non-freedom"

Maria Gail Church Carinthia 7.00pm **Memorial Event** for the victims of National Socialism in Maria Gail.
Welcome: Mirko HOFER, Hans HAIDER
Opening remarks: Mayor Günther ALBL
Mourner's prayer: Dechant Richard KOGLER
Music: Accordion and Songs
 Organised by the village council of Maria Gail, the town of Villach and the organisation "Erinnern Villach".

Ansfelden Stadtamt/Festsaal Upper Austria 7.00pm **Film presentation: "Misa's Fugue"** followed by a talk by the survivors Frank "Misa" GRÜNWARD and Michael KRAUS.

Thursday, 7. May 2015

Redl-Zipf Memorial Upper Austria 6.00pm **Memorial Event** at the Zipf Memorial (near the church)
Speech: Mayor ZEILINGER.
Music: NMS Neukirchen

Ebensee Ebensee Cinema Upper Austria 8.00pm **World Premiere** of the documentary about the Jewish survivor Max R. GARCIA, followed by a discussion of the film with Max R. GARCIA and the producers.

Friday, 8. May 2015

Linz Lunzerstraße 74 Upper Austria 10.00am **Memorial Event** at the Linz III concentration camp (the former Hermann Göring Works).

Floridsdorf Bezirksmuseum Vienna 10.00am **Memorial Event**
Speaker: District Mayor Georg PAPAI and the Scientific Head of the DÖW Mag. Dr. Gerhard BAUMGARTNER.

Hallein Former Eugen Grill-Werke Davisstraße 7 Hallein 2.00pm **Memorial event** at the former sub-camp of Dachau in Hallein.
 With speeches by Local Parliament Member Dr. Heinrich SCHELLHORN, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Peter GSTETTNER, Mag. Wolfgang WINTERSTELLER, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Ernst BERGER, Dr. Michael KURZ and relatives of Agnes Primocic and Fritz Mergen.
 Organised by the Deputy Mayor of Hallein Walter RESCHREITER.
 1:30pm: **wreath laying** at the concentration camp memorial, gateway of the company Deisl-Beton, Wiestal Landesstr. 34

Spital am Pyhrn Cemetery Upper Austria 5.00pm **Memorial Event** for the children of forced labourers in the former Foreign Childrens' Home Lindenhof.

Ebensee Löwengang Alte Traunstraße 6.00pm **Stations of Memory**

Ebensee Gedenkstätten Upper Austria 8.00pm **Song Cycle** with dance "The Divan of Mozes Ibn-Esra" by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco.
Direction: Maria STEINKOGLER

St. Georgen/Gusen Parish Church Upper Austria 7.00pm **Memorial and Mass of Thanks** in remembrance of the mass given following the liberation on 5th May 1945.

Saturday, 9. May 2015

Gunskirchen former concentration camp cemetery Upper Austria 10:30am **Liberation Commemoration**
Welcome: Josef STURMAIR, Mayor of Gunskirchen
Speaker: Hofrat Marko FEINGOLD, President of the IKG Salzburg, and Daniel CHANOCH, Survivor of Gunskirchen concentration camp.
Closing Remarks: Dr. Robert EITER, Board Member of the MKÖ
 In cooperation with the Gunskirchen School, the County Music school Gunskirchen and the Singkreis Gunskirchen.
 In the event of bad weather, the commemoration will be held in the events centre Gunskirchen (Raiffeisenplatz 2).

	<p>Ebensee Memorial Upper Austria</p>	<p>10:30am</p>	<p>Liberation Commemoration Speeches: Wanda NORDLIE (Nurse with the 139th US Evacuation Hospital, cared for survivors from Ebensee), Zvi SCHMIDMAYER (Survivor of Auschwitz, Mauthausen, Ebensee), Shimon SHAHAR (Son of the survivor Zvi Schmidmayer), Andrew STERNBERG (survivor of Auschwitz, Mauthausen, Melk, Ebensee), Silvia DINHOF-CUETO (daughter of an Ebensee survivor). Memorial speech: Michael KÖHLMEIER, Author</p>
<p>Saturday, 9. May 2015</p>			
	<p>Mauthausen Vormarktstraße 61 Upper Austria</p>	<p>2.00pm</p>	<p>Unveiling of a commemorative plaque for Anna Pointner, who was brave enough to resist fascism and supported the Spanish concentration camp prisoners. Thoughts on the commemoration of Anna Pointner: Walter HOFSTÄTTER (Chair of perspektive mauthausen), Mayor Thomas PUNKENHOFER, Representative of the Spanish and activists of perspektive mauthausen. Unveiling by apprentices from VOEST Alpine Linz. Music: Juan Francisco Ortiz (concert guitarist and son of the Spanish Mauthausen survivor Francisco Ortiz Torres).</p>
	<p>Mauthausen Concentration camp Memorial In front of Barracks 1 Upper Austria</p>	<p>3.30pm</p>	<p>Feminist anti-fascist Women's Commemoration In remembrance of the persecution, murder and the resistance of the Women, lesbians and young girls in the Nazi period and the women and children who were brought to Mauthausen Concentration camp from Ravensbrück and forced to work as prostitutes.</p>
	<p>Gusen/Langenstein Memorial Gusen Upper Austria</p>	<p>5.00pm</p>	<p>Liberation Commemoration on the topic of "Forced labour in the quarry and the armaments industry". Speeches: former prisoners</p>
	<p>Train station Greifenburg Memorial für die NS-Opfer im Oberen Drautal/Carinthia</p>	<p>5.00pm</p>	<p>Memorial Event for the victims in Oberen Drautal. Speeches by: Katja STURM-SCHNABL, Head of the Carinthian Partisan organisation, Governor Peter KAISER (invited) and a reading by local schoolchildren. The Memorial Event has been organised by the organisations "aegide" and "kuland".</p>
	<p>St. Valentin Anna Strasser-Platz Lower Austria</p>	<p>5.00pm</p>	<p>Memorial Event and unveiling of a memorial stone As part of the event an expansion of the memorial will be unveiled with nine new memorial stones for victims of Hartheim and a steel sculpture. Speech: Rudolf HUNDSTORFER, Minister for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Rights Representative of the education and memorial centre at Schloss Hartheim Contributions by: IMS Langenhart Music: Members of the city band</p>
	<p>Neumarkt Schloss Lind Styria</p>	<p>7.00pm</p>	<p>Memorial and Opening event as part of the special exhibition "The Self and the Other" which looks at questions of identity and origin. Reading: in cooperation with the Austrian Mauthausen Committee, devised by Uli VONBANK-SCHEDLER, Werner KOROSCHITZ and Andreas STAUDINGER. Music: Gypsy duo KRANZELBINDER</p>
	<p>Ebensee Gedenkstätten Cinema Ebensee Upper Austria</p>	<p>8.00pm 8.00pm</p>	<p>Classical Concert by the Musikfreunde Ebensee, conducted by Fritz NEUBÖCK. Reading: René FREUND reads from his book "My Father, the Deserter".</p>
<p>Sunday, 10. May 2015</p>			
	<p>Ried/Riedmark Gedenkstein Upper Austria</p>	<p>4.00pm</p>	<p>Memorial Event Opening remarks: Mayor Ernst RABL, SJ OÖ, Organisation for Social Democrat Freedom Fighters, German Mauthausen Committee East, Amicale de Mauthausen (F). Memorial Keynote: Willi MERNYI, Chair MKÖ Musical Accompaniment: German Mauthausen Committee East</p>

Monday, 11. May 2015		<p>Amstetten Memorial in Eisenreichdornach Lower Austria</p>	<p>10.00am</p>	<p>Memorial Event Speeches: Ulrike KÖNIGSBERGER-LUDWIG, Deputy Mayor and Member of the National Parliament; Willi PYPEN, President Amicale de Mauthausen Belgium and Representatives of the Initiative Amstetten. Cultural and Musical programme by schoolchildren from Amstetten (Ostarrichi-Gymnasium, HAK, HLW, BAKIP and the Landesberufsschule). Ecumenical Prayer and Wreath laying ceremony</p>
Monday, 11. May 2015		<p>Melk Memorial Lower Austria</p>	<p>10:30am</p>	<p>Memorial Event Welcome: Mayor Thomas WIDRICH Organisation: Contributions by various Melk schools Thoughts about the 70th anniversary: Governor Dr. Erwin PRÖLL and a representative of the Comité International de Mauthausen. Moderation: Alexander HAUER</p>
		<p>Steyr Concentration Camp Memorial Haagerstraße Upper Austria</p>	<p>5.30pm</p>	<p>Liberation Commemoration Welcome: Mag. Karl RAMSMAYER, Mauthausen Committee Steyr Opening remarks: Gerald HACKL, Mayor of Steyr Memorial keynote: Prof. Rudolf GELBARD, former concentration camp prisoner Speech: Daniel SIMON, Amicale de Mauthausen Music: Solid Brass A minute's silence and wreath laying at the concentration camp memorial In case of bad weather: Fire Station Münchenholz, Prinzstraße 1a</p>
Tuesday, 12. May 2015		<p>Wiener Neustadt Serbenhalle Lower Austria</p>	<p>11.00am</p>	<p>Memorial Event with a visit to the Serbenhalle. Participation of the Amicale de Mauthausen France as well as of the President of the Comité International de Mauthausen, Guy DOCKENDORF. Musical accompaniment by pupils of the ORG Wiener Neustadt, conducted by Anton STRAKA.</p>
Friday, 15. May 2015		<p>Braunau Memorial stone in the suburbs of Salzburg Upper Austria</p>	<p>5.30pm</p>	<p>Memorial hour for the victims of war and fascism. Opening words: Mayor Mag. Johannes WAIDBACHER Memorial speech: Prof. Dr. Anton PELINKA (Central European University, Budapest) Ecumenical words Musical accompaniment: Democratic Choir Braunau/Inn In case of bad weather: Event Centre of Braunau (VAZ)</p>
		<p>Weyer-Dipoldsau Memorial Upper Austria</p>	<p>4.00pm</p>	<p>Memorial Event Opening words: Dr. Irmgard ASCHBAUER, Chair of the ÖLM Speech: Dr. Adolf BRUNNTHALER "Work done by the prisoners at the Klamm-Mauer Großbraming quarry and the shooting of the 'Auffangstabs' in April and May 1945 in Weyer" Reading: Siena BRUNNTHALER "Only when they've shot someone can they enjoy their breakfast" Prayer: Father MMag. Walter DORFER Music: Mag. Robert GRADAUER, Thomas FLEISCHANDERL Creative direction: Secondary School Weyer Moderation: Ing. Hans HAAS</p>
Thursday, 21. May 2015		<p>Villach Memorial of Names Widmannstraße Carinthia</p>	<p>5.00pm</p>	<p>Memorial Event for the victims of the tyranny of the National Socialist regime. Welcome: HANS HAIDER Address: Mayor Günther ALBL Speech: Reverend Astrid KÖRNER Reading: Felix STRASSER and Jülya ISMAYLOWA Music: Brass quartet from the KELAG brass band Organised by the organisation "Erinnern Villach" and the Villach town council.</p>

Saturday, 23. May 2015		Hirtenberg Municipality Hall Lower Austria	4.00pm	Memorial Event in the Small Municipality Hall, Hirtenberg Speech: Dr. Irmgard ASCHBAUER, Chair of the Austrian Camp Community Mauthausen, and Waltraud BARTON, Organisation IM-MER followed by a discussion and reception.
			5.30pm	Mass in the Roman Catholic St. Elisabeth's Church with Father Tomo CUBELA.
			6.30pm	Memorial Ceremony at the former Hirtenberg concentration camp Speech: Mayor Gisela STROBL
			7.00pm	Guided walk to the former sub-camp Hirtenberg with a Mauthausen guide from the MKÖ.
Wednesday, 27. May 2015		Linz/Leonding 44er Galerie Upper Austria	7.00pm	Exhibition opening "As we were walking, we lost our faces" with works by Ceija STOJKA, a Romni who survived Auschwitz, Ravensbrück and Bergen-Belsen and who worked tirelessly until her dead to prevent the Nazi period ever being forgotten.
Saturday, 30. May 2015		Bad Ischl Meeting point: train station Upper Austria	8:00am - 5.00pm	Historical Walk – In the footsteps of the Partisans Led by: Dr. Wolfgang QUATEMBER
Sunday, 7. June 2015		Jewish Institute for Adult Education Praterstern 1 Vienna	10.00am Depart	Bus excursion "Jewish Bratislava" Visit to the Exhibition "Engerau 1945" in the Jewish Community Museum Bratislava, guided tour through the synagogue in Bratislava, visit to the Memorial for victims of the Holocaust, visit to the memorial for murdered Jewish Hungarian forced labourers from the Engerau Camp at the cemetery in Petržalka. Led by: Dr. Maros BORSKY, Jewish Community Museum, Bratislava
Saturday, 13. June 2015		Loiblpass Memorial Carinthia & Slovenia	9:00am	International Memorial event at the former Loibl North concentration camp (Carinthia) and a wreath laying ceremony at the tunnel mouth and a memorial event at the former roll call square. Speech: Rudolf HUNDSTORFER, Minister for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Rights (invited) Message from the Amicale de Mauthausen: Daniel SIMON, President of Amicale de Mauthausen France, son of a concentration camp survivor. Voice of those who were there: Stanislaw LESZCZYNSKI, Survivor of Gusen and Mauthausen concentration camps. Voice of young people: Young people from the local education institute "Höhere Bundeslehranstalt für Wirtschaft and Mode" in Klagenfurt/Celovec. Musical accompaniment: Zbor/Choir "Rož" from St. Jakob im Rosental/Št. Jakob v Rožu. Art installation: "A grave in the air" by Bernadette GRABNER, Klagenfurt/Celovec.
			11.00am	International Memorial event At the former concentration camp Loibl South (Slovenia).
Saturday, 27. June 2015		Bretstein Concentration Camp Memorial Styria	11.00am	Memorial Event organised by the NMS Oberzeiring.
Sunday, 28. June 2015		Bad Eisenkappel Železna Kapla Peršmanhof Carinthia	2.00pm	Memorial Event to commemorate the 70 th anniversary of the massacre at Peršmanhof and to celebrate the resistance of the partisans.

September 2015	Wagna-Leibnitz Stollen "Roman Caves" Styria		Exhibition opening "The Wagna Camps" Since 1914 there have been a total of 13 prisoner/concentration/refugee camps at Wagna. The concentration sub-camp Aflenz is investigated in this exhibition. The exact opening date will be determined nearer the time.
Autumn 2015	Wiener Neudorf/ Guntramsdorf Lower Austria		Memorial Events will take place in autumn 2015. Further details will be announced nearer the time.
Thursday, 1. October 2015	Alkoven Schloss Hartheim Memorial Upper Austria	5.00pm	Memorial event
Friday, 9. October 2015	Ternberg Pfarrbaracke Spielfeldstraße 1 Upper Austria	6.30pm	Memorial Event Organisers: Catholic Youth Upper Austria in cooperation with the village of Ternberg, as well as the Musikverein and the Red Cross. Memorial speech: Mag. Dr. Eleonore LAPPIN-EPEL
Saturday, 17. October 2015	St. Pantaleon Memorial Site Weyer Camp Moosachstrasse Upper Austria	6.00pm	Memorial Event Followed by a discussion with refugees from Syria who are accommodated in the Oberinnviertel; under the title "Escaped from barbarity – now what?" in the Gemeindeamt St. Pantaleon.
Saturday, 22. October 2015	Linz/Neue Heimat Memorial corner of Daimler-/Siemensstr. Upper Austria	6.30pm	Memorial Event for the victims of the Nazi work camp Schörghub.
Monday, 26. October 2015	Justizanstalt Josefstadt Landesgerichtsstr. 11 Vienna	3.00pm	Reconstruction of the 1st Engerau Trial and its historical context in the Großen Schwurgerichtssaal of the County Criminal Court of Vienna. Patron: Minister of Justice Dr. Wolfgang BRANDSTETTER The 1 st Engerau Trial took place between 14 th and 17 th August 1945 when four former members of the guard detail from the camp for Jewish Hungarian forced labourers were brought before the court. It was the first trial for crimes committed under the Nazis in the Austrian People's Court and three of the accused were sentenced to death and executed. Free entry!
Sunday, 1. November 2015	Hinterbrühl Memorial Lower Austria	6.00pm	Memorial Event for All Saints' Day arranged by those taking part.
Monday, 2. November 2015	Pichl bei Wels Upper Austria	5.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Memorial Event Presbytery: Reading to commemorate 10 years memorial work. Parish Church: All Souls' Day Mass Cemetery: Commemoration service
Saturday, 14. November 2015	Lackenbach Memorial Burgenland	11.00am	Memorial event at the memorial for Roma and Sinti.
Thursday, 10. December 2015	Wagna-Leibnitz Roman Quarry Stollen Styria	6.00pm	Memorial Event and Wreath Laying Each year on "Human Rights Day" at the memorial stone at the former sub-camp Aflenz, representatives of the village of Wagna, the authorities and organisations, as well as the local Mauthausen Committee hold a memorial event, followed by the laying of a wreath.