

## Memorial & Liberation Commemorations 2017

### “Internationality Unites”

**"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!**

**"Long live international solidarity!**

**"Long live freedom!"**

(extract from the [Mauthausen Oath](#))

Each year, the Austrian Mauthausen Committee (MKÖ) organises and coordinates the events surrounding the anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen Concentration Camp in close cooperation with partners on a national (Austrian Camp Community Mauthausen) and international (Comité International de Mauthausen) level, the largest memorial and liberation commemoration events in Europe, held at the Mauthausen Memorial Site. More than 6000 people, including many survivors of the Mauthausen Concentration and its sub-camps as well as important politicians from Austria and abroad took part in the international memorial and liberation commemorative events in 2016. As over 90% of the victims of Mauthausen Concentration Camp were neither German nor Austrian, the commemorative events therefore have particular international significance and represent the largest memorial and liberations events of their kind.

As well as the main liberation commemorations, many more memorial events will also take place at the sites of the sub-camps of Mauthausen and other places of Nazi terror. In 2016, more than 80 memorial events took place throughout Austria! The majority of these events, attended by many people from the immediate region, but also by visitors from many other European countries, were organised by local organisations and initiatives in close cooperation the MKÖ.

Since 2006, the memorial and liberation commemorations have been framed each year by a special theme, something directly linked to the history of Mauthausen Concentration Camp and Austria's Nazi past. The link to the present is always an important aspect of the chosen theme and should help young people especially draw direct links between their lives and experiences and the ideology of National Socialism. This year's memorial and liberation events will have the theme **“internationality unites”**.

Ensuring the memorialisation of the victims of Nazi crimes, particularly those who were imprisoned in Mauthausen Concentration Camp and sub-camps, as well as engaged involvement in anti-fascism and anti-racism work with young people are key aspects of the work carried out by the MKÖ. The MKÖ has been able to reach 63,000 young people in recent years through civil courage training, guided tours through the memorial site of Mauthausen concentration camp and its sub-camps, the pre-visit preparation and post-visit work, anti-racism workshops such as the workshop *“Wir sind alle”*, the racism simulation game *“Miramix”* as well as diverse event-related and thematic youth projects. In autumn 2016, the first tours took place as part of the new educational project *“denkmalwien”*.

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The national perspective is in many aspects a dominant and ever-growing factor in Europe and worldwide. With an emphasis on, and elevation of, national interests, other positions can be at the same time be disparaged, made fun of or categorised as “foreign” or “other”. Such discourses might be expected more in the darkest chapters of recent history, and not in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – nevertheless these tendencies continue to grow, supported and depressed by populists. Internationality, something which has always had pluralistic, balancing and mediating aspects, is considered less as a virtue and more as a threat to national interests.

It was the survivors of Mauthausen Concentration Camp who declared on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1945 in their Mauthausen Oath: *“After regaining our freedom and fighting for the freedom of our nations, we want to preserve and remember the international solidarity of the camp and draw our lessons from it.”*

This oath and the obligation to support internationality is something that we wish to continue today – there are no problems and no challenges that can be solved only on a national level and nothing is solved through nationalism. Every form of nationalism is combined with the denigration of the “other” and acts to prevent the development of open and tolerant opinions. Nationalism in every form serves only the agitator, those who cannot bear civil coexistence as it robs them of the basis on which they trade. This is true for the larger problems of our time, problems that can only be solved internationally, as well as the smaller aspects of daily life and memorialisation in Mauthausen.

There is no victim group that has more worth than another, simply because they come from a different country. There is no victim group that is less important just because there are less of them. The National Socialists persecuted all people who did not conform to their nationalist, racist and ideological schema, often with the same, deadly consequences.

We owe it to the tens of thousands of victims of Mauthausen to understand our commemorations in an international context. We are obliged by the Mauthausen Oath to reject any form of nationalism and to build our work on the fundamental principle of internationality.

This is the case both for memorialisation in Mauthausen as well as in our work fighting for a fairer, more social and more human world.

# “Internationality Unites”

## Programme of Memorial and Liberation Events 2017

### Mauthausen, former sub-camps and sites of Nazi terror

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Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Concentration  
Camp Memorial  
Mauthausen  
Upper Austria

#### **International Memorial and Liberation Commemoration**

As part of the memorial events, a series of new memorial plaques will be unveiled at the so-called ‘Wailing Wall’

from

08:30am

#### **Gathering at the national memorials**

09:00am

#### **International Young Person’s Gathering**

(Meeting point: stone quarry)

09:45am

#### **Ecumenical Church Service (Chapel)**

With Bishop Dr. Michael BÜNKER, Diocese Bishop Dr. Manfred SCHEUER and Archpriest Ioannis NIKOLITSIS.

**Musical accompaniment:** Musica Viva – Mauthausen Parish, led by Alfred HOCHEDLINGER

10:20am

The large **Italian delegation** will assemble and the **Austrian youth groups** will process in formation to the former roll call square. Therefore, entering and leaving the square will be difficult. Please try and be at the former roll call square by 10.50am at the latest

11:00am

#### **Joint commemoration of the liberation at the roll call square**

Reading of the Mauthausen Oath

Welcoming address: Willi MERNYI, Chair of the Austrian Mauthausen Committee

**Presented by:** Konstanze BREITEBNER, Mercedes ECHERER

**Musical accompaniment** by the “Widerstand” ensemble and the “Militärmusik OÖ”

**Memorial speeches** during the memorial procession, representatives from the national victim’s organisations from France and the USA will address the crowds in their own languages.

12:45pm

Official end of the Liberation Commemoration

from

12:45pm

#### **Gathering at the national memorials**

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| <b>Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b> | St. Veit im Jauntal<br>Memorial plaque<br>Carinthia                              | AM     | <b>Memorial Mass</b> for the victims of National Socialism, Terezija Micej (mother) and Terezija Micej (daughter)  |
| <b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017</b>   | Mauthausen<br>Donausaal<br>Upper Austria   | 8pm    | <b>Cultural and memorial event</b> about the Mühlviertel " <i>Menschenhatz</i> " (man-hunt)<br>Miriam FUSSENEGGER will read the life stories of courageous women<br><b>Music:</b> Maren RAHMANN<br><b>Organised by:</b> perspektive Mauthausen   |
| <b>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>   | Gallneukirchen<br>Memorial to Peace<br>Upper Austria                             | 7pm    | <b>Memorial demonstration</b><br>With the topic " <b>Against Hate</b> "  |
| <b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>   | Steyr<br>Altes Theater<br>Upper Austria  | 7:30pm | <b>Dramatised reading of "Ettys Entscheidung"</b><br><b>Stage design and production:</b> Johannes NEUHAUSER<br><b>Organised by:</b> Mauthausen Committee Steyr /Dominikanerhaus  |
| <b>Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>   | Oberwart<br>OHO<br>Lisztgasse 12<br>Burgenland                                   | 1pm    | <b>Conference and film evening:</b><br>Evil cannot be filmed<br>Film during National Socialism II  |
| <b>Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>     | Rechnitz<br>Kreuzstadl<br>Memorial<br>Burgenland                                 | 2pm    | <b>Memorial service</b> for the victims of the building of the South-East Wall.<br><b>Speakers:</b> Paul GULDA, RE.F.U.G.I.U.S.; Father Raphael LEITNER, Catholic priest; Pastor Carsten MARX, evangelical priest; Vilmos SIKLÓSI, Jewish Community Zalaegerszeg and representatives of the Vienna Jewish Community<br><b>Musical accompaniment:</b> Jewish Choir Vienna |
| <b>Wednesday, 29th March 2017</b>             | Leopoldstadt<br>Praterstern 1<br>Staircase Heinestr.<br>Wien                     | 9am    | <b>17<sup>th</sup> Memorial trip to Engerau</b>  |
| <b>Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017</b>     | Linz<br>Marcel Callo<br>Parish Centre<br>Schörghenhubstr.<br>39<br>Upper Austria | 5pm    | <b>Peace walk through southern Linz</b><br>From the Marcel Callo Parish Centre to St. Peter am Spallerhof  |
| <b>Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017</b>    | Gratkorn<br>Music- und<br>Kunstschule<br>Styria                                  | 7pm    | <b>Memorial concert</b><br>A plaque in front of the municipal office commemorates the victims of war crimes. Here, the execution of Hungarian Jews by Nazi troops in 1945 is remembered.   |

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| <b>Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017</b>   | <p>Simmering<br/>Haidgasse 22<br/>Oriongasse<br/>Vienna</p>               | 2pm      | <p><b>Memorial event</b><br/><b>At the former sub-camp Wien Saurer-Werke</b><br/>Numerous honoured guests, including representatives of the 11<sup>th</sup> district of Vienna as well as several representatives from embassies and victims' associations. At the end of the event, a wreath will be laid at the memorial stone where the camp once stood; <b>Organised by:</b> the vocational training colleges for: Hospitality; Food, tourism and dental technology; Retail and Computer Retail as well as the Mauthausen Committee and the Organisation Niemals Vergessen.</p> |
| <b>Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>  | <p>SMZ-Liebenau<br/>Anderseng. 32-34<br/>Styria</p>                       | 4pm      | <p><b>Memorial Event</b><br/>Memorial 1954-2017. Respect and dignity for the victims. Selected speakers and prayers.<br/><b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Rainer POSSERT, SMZ Liebenau; Dr. Bettina VOLLATH, President of the Styrian Regional Parliament; <b>Messages from:</b> Talya LADOR-FRESHER, Israeli ambassador to Austria; Elie ROSEN, President of the Graz Jewish Community</p>   |
|  | <p>Liebenau<br/>NMS Dr. Renner<br/>Eduard-Keilgasse<br/>41<br/>Styria</p> | 5pm-10pm | <p><b>Lecture:</b> Dr. Rainer POSSERT: "Grünanger: A contaminated landscape", Dr. Eva STEIGBERGER: "Legal status, previous archaeological finds and results", Paul MITCHELL, BA: "Investigating the heritage of a building", Dipl. Ing. Gerald FUXJÄGER: "Results of the aerial photogrammetry of Grünanger", Prof. Karl A. KUBINZKY: "Memorials for the victims of the Nazi Regime in Graz", Walter REISS: "The development of the memorial site in Rechnitz"</p>  |
| <b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b> | <p>Lenzing<br/>Memorial</p>   | 6pm      | <b>Memorial service</b>   |
|  | <p>Kulturzentrum<br/>Upper Austria</p>                                    | 7pm      | <p><b>Konzert mira</b><br/>As part of the Lenzing community Day of Peace<br/><b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Franz HAUSJELL</p>   |
| <b>Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b> | <p>Peggau</p>   |          | <p><b>Memorial service</b> at the former sub-camp of Mauthausen Concentration Camp with curator Bernadette PFINGSTL (evangelical church) and confirmation candidates</p>  |
|  | <p>Evangel. Parish</p>  | 4pm      | <p><b>Memorial march</b><br/>Along the path taken by the prisoners to the former camp</p>   |
|  | <p>Hinterberg<br/>Memorial Site<br/>Styria</p>                            | 4.30pm   | <p><b>Memorial service</b> at the memorial site<br/><b>Organised by:</b> Evangelische Pfarrgemeinde Peggau, ARGE Jugend gegen Gewalt und Rassismus, and the Austrian Mauthausen Committee.<br/><b>Musical accompaniment:</b> Fritz WINDISCH</p>   |

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| <b>Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>     | Linz<br>Marcel Callo<br>Parish Centre<br>Schörghenhubstr.<br>Upper Austria      | 5pm    | <b>Reading by Holger SCHAEBEN</b><br>Author of the book <i>“Der Sohn des Teufels. Aus dem Erinnerungsarchiv des Walter Chmielewski”</i> (Son of the Devil: From the Archive of Walter Chmielewski”). A discussion will follow.  |
| <b>Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>   | Ried i. Innkreis<br>Riedholzstraße<br>15a<br>BZ St. Franziskus<br>Upper Austria | 8pm    | <b>Lecture “Dr. Johann Gruber: Priest - Teacher – Patriot”</b> by Helmut WAGNER<br>The Nazi judgment passed on the Linz Diocese priest Johann Gruber in 1939 was reversed by the regional court in Vienna in 2016. “Papa Gruber” has been completely vindicated. Now a further martyr from the Diocese of Linz can have the dignity he deserves.  |
| <b>Good Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b> | Hinterbrühl<br>Memorial Site<br>Johannesstrasse<br>Lower Austria                | 2.30pm | <b>Memorial service with Stations of the Cross</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017</b>    | Fürstenfeld<br>Stadtpark<br>Styria  | 12pm   | <b>“Overcoming Nationalism”: Vigil</b> by the K.Ö.St.V. Riegersburg (MKV) against extremism and neo-Nazism.<br><b>Organised by:</b> K.Ö.St.V. Riegersburg<br><b>Speaker:</b> Gerald L. GUSCHLBAUER<br><b>Music:</b> Paul ROCH. As “Brexit” approaches, the EU seems to be in crisis. Many states are looking for answers to their problems in egotistical isolation. Can individual states be stronger than a confederation of states? Against the historical background of the two world wars, and the associated suffering, the main topic will be the resurgence of nationalism.<br><b>Organised by:</b> K.Ö.St.V. Riegersburg gegen Neo-Nazismus, Gewalt und Extremismus<br><b>Speaker:</b> Gerald L. GUSCHLBAUER<br><b>Music:</b> Paul ROCH and Moritz WEISS |
| <b>Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>      | Wels<br>Jewish memorial<br>Cemetery<br>Northern section<br>Upper Austria        | 6:30pm | <b>Commemoration of the victims of the death marches of Hungarian Jews</b><br>The complete disregard of human rights in the philosophy of National Socialism led to the genocide of millions of innocents. All avowed democrats are therefore compelled to fight against the extreme Right of today.<br><b>Welcoming address:</b> Local Councillor Laurien SCHEINECKER,<br><b>Speaker:</b> Hannes MÜLLER, Initiative against Fascism in Wels and Bishop Michael BÜNKER, Evangelical Church (A.B.)<br><b>Musical accompaniment:</b> Evangelical Trombone Choir Wels, Choir leader: Rosemarie DOBRINGER   |

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| <b>24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b> | Linz<br>AK Upper Austria<br>Upper Austria                            | All day | <b>Hermann Langbein Symposium 2017</b><br>For the past 36 years the Hermann Langbein Symposium has been an important aspect in training on the topic of the “Nazi period in Austria”.   |
| <b>Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>        | Ansfelden<br>Kremsbrücke<br>Upper Austria                            | 6pm     | <b>Memorial service “AGAINST FORGETTING – INTERNATIONALITY UNITES”</b><br>Memorial walk 2017 to commemorate the death march of Jews from Mauthausen to Gunskirchen  |
| <b>Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>           | Salzburg City<br>Ignaz Rieder Kai 21<br>Salzburg                     | 11am    | <b>Memorial service at the Memorial for Roma and Sinti</b><br>During the Nazi regime, Roma and Sinti were rounded up at the former harness racing race-course and from there brought to the Maxglan camp. After the Auschwitz Edict, the camp in Maxglan was closed and the majority of the 300 Roma and Sinti held there were deported to Auschwitz Concentration Camp. A small group was sent to the so-called “Gypsy stopping camp” Lackenbach.  |
| <b>Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017</b>           | Persenbeug<br>Marktplatz<br>Lower Austria                            | 5.30pm  | <b>Memorial event</b> for the 228 Hungarian Jews who were murdered in Priel and Persenbeug on May 3rd, 1945.<br><b>Begin in Persenbeug</b> with invited speakers, including Leonard BROWN (UK) who lost many members of his family at Priel.<br>Followed by a <b>procession to the memorial stone</b> where pupils of the NMS Persenbeug School will lay newly created stones for the victims. A Rabbi will close the event with the Jewish prayer for the dead.<br><b>Musical accompaniment:</b> Dachor Persenbeug |
| <b>Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>            | St.<br>Aegydt/Neuwalde<br>Kulturstadl<br>Marktplatz<br>Lower Austria | 6.30pm  | <b>Memorial service</b><br>The commemorations will take place with the motto “internationality unites”<br><b>Invited speaker:</b> Miguel HERZ-KESTRANEK<br><b>Co-organised</b> by pupils of the NMS St. Aegydt/Neuwalde school<br><b>Musical accompaniment</b> by the school choir.   |
| <b>Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>              | Floridsdorf<br>Bezirksmuseum<br>Vienna                               | 10am    | <b>Memorial event</b><br>Programme: Opening by representatives of the Floridsdorf district and a speech by Dr Gerhard BAUMGARTNER, wreath laying.   |
|   | Linz<br>Memorial Site<br>Lunzerstraße 74<br>Upper Austria            | 10am    | <b>Memorial event to commemorate the liberation of the Linz III subcamp</b><br>Wreath laying  |

| Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2017   |         |   |
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| <p>Gunskirchen<br/>Memorial<br/>Upper Austria</p>                                      | 4pm     | <p><b>“Walk of Solidarity“</b><br/><b>Speakers:</b> Daniel CHANOCH, Concentration camp survivor; Willi MERNYI, Chair of the Austrian Mauthausen Committee; Guy DOCKENDORF, President of the Comité International de Mauthausen. Survivors of the Gunskirchen Concentration Camp will read the Mauthausen Oath together with young people on the anniversary of the liberation of the sub-camp, followed by guided tours about the history of the former concentration camp.</p> |
| <p>Gleisdorf<br/>Forum Kloster<br/>Rathausplatz<br/>Styria</p>                         | 4pm     | <p><b>Memorial event</b><br/><b>Opening speech</b> by the Landtag President Dr Bettina VOLLATH<br/><b>Organised by:</b> "Zukunft braucht Erinnerung"</p>  |
| <p>Spital am Pyhrn<br/>St. Leonhard<br/>church Upper Austria</p>                       | 5pm     | <p><b>Memorial service</b><br/>For the children of the former “foreign children’s home”, <b>Memorial speech:</b> Erika KIRCHWEGER, chair of the kfb oö and vice-president of Catholic Action Upper Austria</p>  |
| Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2017   |         |   |
| <p>Ebensee<br/>Memorial<br/>Upper Austria</p>  | 10:30am | <p><b>International liberation commemoration</b><br/>Speaker: Robert MENASSE</p>  |
| <p>Gunskirchen<br/>Former concentration camp cemetery<br/>Upper Austria</p>            | 10:30am | <p><b>72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the sub-camp Gunskirchen</b><br/><b>Welcome:</b> Josef STURMAIR, Mayor of Gunskirchen<br/><b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Josef GRUBER, District commissioner of Wels Land and György FRISCH, representative of the Hungarian Jews; Closing remarks Dr. Robert EITER, board member of the Austrian Mauthausen Committee<br/><b>In collaboration with:</b> NMS Gunskirchen, Landesmusikschule and Singkreis Gunskirchen</p>          |
| <p>St. Georgen<br/>Brunnenweg<br/>Langenstein<br/>Memorial Gusen<br/>Upper Austria</p> | 3pm     | <p><b>Memorial event</b><br/>Commemorative event at the entrance to the Stollen “Bergkristall”. Wreath laying with surviving prisoners and honoured guests.</p>   |
| <p>Langenstein<br/>Memorial Gusen<br/>Upper Austria</p>                                | 5pm     | <p><b>International liberation commemoration</b><br/><b>Theme:</b> Human Rights; <b>Guest of honour:</b> President of Austria, Dr. Alexander VAN DER BELLEN</p>   |
| <p>Greifenburg<br/>Train station/<br/>Memorial<br/>Carinthia</p>                       | 5pm     | <p><b>Memorial service</b><br/>At the memorial for people persecuted by the Nazi regime in Oberen Drautal<br/><b>Welcome:</b> Mayor Josef BRANDNER<br/><b>Dramatic reading:</b> Pupils of the HLW Spittal/Drau School, <b>Speech:</b> Richards WADANI, Wehrmacht deserter and spokesperson for the Committee for Justice for the Victims of Nazi Military Justice.<br/><b>Music:</b> Jan KUBIS, Accordion; Marjeta LUZNIK, vocals;</p>  |



| Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2017                                    |  |  |
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| Neumarkt<br>Schloss Lind<br>Styria                                    | 6pm  | <b>Memorial event</b><br>MUSIC FOR Barbed Wire. Performance/ Installation by Klaus KARLBAUER with Rosivita, Martha LASCHKOLNIG and the Institute for Theatre, Film and Media Studies at the University Vienna. As part of "ERINNERTE WUNDEN" in cooperation with the Mauthausen Committee Austria          |
| Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2017                                      |  |  |
| Mauthausen<br>Concentration<br>Camp<br>Wailing Wall<br>Upper Austria  | 9:15am   | <b>Memorial gathering</b><br>of the Concentration Camp Association Upper Austria at the memorial plaque.<br><b>Commemoration</b> of the 42 resistance fighters who were murdered on the 28 <sup>th</sup> April 1945 at the 'Wailing Wall'.   |
| Mauthausen<br>Concentration<br>Camp Memorial<br>Site<br>Upper Austria | 9:45am<br>11am                                   | <b>International liberation commemoration</b><br>Chapel – Ecumenical service<br>Memorial service at the former roll call area<br>Rallies at the national memorials   |
| Mauthausen<br>Concentration<br>Camp Memorial<br>Site<br>Upper Austria | 9:45am   | <b>Richard Bernaschek Memorial</b><br><b>Memorial service</b> of the Association of the Social Democratic Freedom Fighters, victims of fascism and active anti-fascists<br>Speaker: Mag. Muna DUZDAR   |
| Mauthausen<br>KZ-Gedenkstätte<br>Besucherzentrum<br>Oberösterreich    | After<br>International<br>Liberation<br>ceremony | <b>Reception for survivors</b><br><b>"We are the next generation"</b><br>Immediately after the international liberation commemorations, there will be a reception to honour all the survivors.<br><b>Organised by</b> the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial Site<br>In cooperation with young people. |
| Ried/Rdm.<br>Memorial stone<br>Upper Austria                          | 4pm  | <b>Memorial event</b> for the "Mühlviertel Manhunt"<br><b>Opening address:</b> Sabine SCHATZ, Mayor Ernst RABL, the Socialist Youth, Association of the Social Democratic Freedom Fighters, Dt. Mauthausen Committee   |
| St. Georgen<br>Aktivpark<br>Upper Austria                             | 4pm  | <b>Memoria concert</b><br>by the string quartett of the Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra and the Camerata Silesia Choir.  |
| Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017                                      |  |  |
| Gleisdorf<br>Mahnmal<br>Rathausplatz<br>Styria                        | 10am   | <b>Memorial event</b><br>Organised together with pupils from the NMS and the BG/BRG Schools Gleisdorf<br><b>Speaker:</b> Mag.a Eva HALLAMA   |
| Vöcklabruck<br>HAK Vöcklabruck<br>Aula<br>Upper Austria               | 10:30am  | <b>Memorial event</b><br><b>Organised together</b> with the pupils of the HAK Vöcklabruck School<br><b>Musical Accompaniment:</b> HAK Brass Ensemble   |

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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| Vöcklabruck<br>Memorial stone<br>Bezirkssporthalle<br>Upper Austria           | 11:30am | <b>Wreath laying</b> at the memorial stone  |
| Amstetten<br>Memorial Site<br>Eisenreichdornach<br>Lower Austria              | 10am    | <b>Memorial event</b><br>Ecumenivcal prayer and wreath laying<br><b>Speakers:</b> Ulrike KÖNIGSBERGER-LUDWIG, Deputy Mayor and member of parliament and Willy PYPEN, President of <i>Amicale de Mauthausen Belgien</i> with representatives of the Initiative Amstetten.<br><b>Music programme</b> by schools from Amstetten (Ostarrichi-Gymnasium, HAK, HLW, BAKIP, Landesberufsschule)  |
| Melk<br>Memorial Site<br>Lower Austria  | 10:30am | <b>Liberation commemoration</b><br><b>Organisation:</b> Contributions by schools in Melk<br><b>Presenter:</b> Alexander HAUER   |
| City centre<br>Morzinplatz<br>Memorial<br>Vienna                              | 10:30am | <b>Commemorative wreath laying at the Memorial to the Victims of the Gestapo on Morzinplatz.</b><br>Organisers: Die Grünen Vienna and the Jewish Community Vienna   |
| Steyr<br>Concentration -<br>camp<br>Memorial<br>Haagerstraße<br>Upper Austria | 5:30pm  | <b>Liberation commemoration</b><br><b>Welcoming address:</b> Mag. Karl RAMSMAYER, MK Steyr<br><b>Opening words:</b> Wilhelm HAUSER, Deputy mayor of the town of Steyr, <b>Memorial speech:</b> Albert LANGANKE, Austrian mauthausen Committee<br><b>Speech:</b> Daniel SIMON, Amicale de Mauthausen<br><b>Music:</b> "Ensemble BRG Steyr", led by Christian HATZENBICHLER<br>Wreath laying and a minute's silence at the concentration memorial (in case of bad weather in the Firehouse Münchenholz, Prinzstraße 1a, 4400 Steyr) |
| Redl-Zipf<br>Memorial<br>Upper Austria  | 6pm     | <b>Memorial event</b><br>Wreath laying at the memorial stone<br><b>Speaker:</b> Franz GEBETSBERGER (Flüchtlingsinitiative Vöcklamarkt, prize-giving: Le-Caer  |
| Heldenplatz<br>Vienna   | 7.30pm  | <b>Festival of Joy</b><br>The Viennese Heldenplatz (Heroes' Square) will become a place of commemoration and joy on the 72 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the liberation from the Nazi regime with a concert by the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. This year the concert will again be framed by speeches, including Bundeskanzler Mag. Christian KERN, Vizekanzler Dr. Reinhold MITTERLEHNER, MKÖ Chair Willi MERNYI and survivor Lucia HEILMAN. The event will be presented by Katharina STEMBERGER.                                  |

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| <b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b> | St. Georgen<br>Aktivpark<br>Upper Austria                     | 5:30pm<br>-<br>7:00pm | <b>Historian's conference on totalitarian systems in the 20<sup>th</sup> century</b><br>Researchers from many countries will discuss and present their research on the two dominant ruling systems of communism and National Socialism/Fascism in Europe and their effects on people in the different countries. There is also the opportunity for interested members of the public to attend and engage in the discussion.          |
| <b>Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>                              | Attnang Puchheim<br>Memorial                                  | 6.30pm                | <b>Wreath laying</b><br>At the memorial<br><b>Music:</b> ORG der Franziskanerinnen School<br>Vöcklabruck<br><b>Speech:</b> Frederik SCHMIDSBERGER, Mauthausen Committee Vöcklabruck  |
|  | Attnang Puchheim<br>Phönix Saal<br>Upper Austria              | 7pm                   | <b>Memorial event</b><br><b>Welcome:</b> Rudi LOIDL and Adrian HIRZ<br><b>Opening words:</b> Mayor Peter GROISS, Mayor of Attnang-Puchheim.<br><b>Speakers:</b> Maria BUCHMAYR, member of the local parliament; Jan SECHTER, ambassador of the Czech Republic to Austria; Dr. Michaela VIDLÁKOVÁ, contemporary witness from Prague; Alfons HAIDER, actor;<br><b>Music:</b> Choir of the ORG der Franziskanerinnen School Vöcklabruck |
| <b>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>                           | Villach<br>Memorial of<br>Names<br>Widmannngasse<br>Carinthia | 5pm                   | <b>Commemoration</b> of the victims of National Socialist violence<br><b>Organised by:</b> Erinnern Villach<br><b>Welcome:</b> Hans HAIDER,<br><b>Opening words:</b> Günther ALBEL, mayor<br><b>Memorial speech:</b> Prof. Hans Karl PETERLI<br>Document readings by Yulia ISMAJLOWA and Felix STRASSER<br><b>Music:</b> Jàn KUBIŠ – Accordion<br><b>Organised by:</b> Erinnern Villach  |
| <b>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>                            | Bruck/Mur<br>Hotel Landskron<br>Am Schiffertor 3<br>Styria    | 9am-<br>4pm           | <b>Memorial landscape Styria</b><br><b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Werner ANZENBERGER<br><b>Organisers:</b><br>ARGE Youth against Violence and Racism.<br>Please register by email:<br><a href="mailto:bettina.ramp@argejugend.at">bettina.ramp@argejugend.at</a>  |
| <b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>                              | Weyer-Dipoldsau<br>Memorial Site<br>Upper Austria             | 4pm                   | <b>Memorial service</b><br>Scenic presentation of the cultural organisation FRIKULUM on the theme "internationality unites", particularly in relation to the refugee situation   |

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| <b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>    | Sankt Valentin<br>Anna-Strasser-<br>Platz<br>Lower Austria                  | 5pm    | <b>Memorial service</b><br><b>Speakers:</b> Prof. Ferdinand REISINGER (Catholic Private university Linz - Stift St. Florian), Brigitte BAILER-GALANDA (DÖW, Institute for Contemporary History) and Cornelius OBONYA, actor. In collaboration with pupils from the PTS School St. Valentin<br><b>Music:</b> Gesangsverein "Freiheit"                            |
|  | Braunau<br>Memorial<br>Salzburger-<br>Vorstadt<br>Upper Austria             | 5:30pm | <b>Memorial hour for the victims of war and National Socialism</b><br><b>Opening remarks:</b> Johannes WAIDBACHER, mayor<br><b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Charlotte HERMAN, President of the Jewish Community of Upper Austria, Linz<br><b>Musical accompaniment:</b> Democratic Choir Braunau<br>(in case of bad weather, the events will be held in the events centre) |
| <b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>    | Gallneukirchen<br>Peace Memorial<br>Upper Austria                           | 6.30pm | <b>Memorial service</b><br><b>Commemoration at the memorial for peace</b><br><b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Alexandra FÖDERL-SCHMID   |
| <b>Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>   | Ried im Innkreis<br>Roßmarkt 29<br>Upper Austria                            | 7pm    | <b>Opening of the educational and memorial centre for the victims of National Socialism and Fascism</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b> | Wiener Neustadt<br>Serbenhalle<br>Lower Austria                             | 11am   | <b>Memorial event</b>   |
| <b>Friday, 19th May 2017</b>               | Techelsberg<br>Töschling 21<br>Carinthia                                    | 11am   | <b>Unveiling of a memorial plaque</b><br>for the Jehovah's Witnesses on Techelsberg<br>A large group of Jehovah's Witnesses grew up around the Wohlfahrt family on Techelsberg leading up to WWII. Many fell victim to the regime. This memorial plaque stands not only for the five named victims, but for all victims from the religious community.           |
|  | Pörtschach<br>Wörthersee<br>Congress Center<br>Hauptstraße 203<br>Carinthia | 6pm    | <b>Memorial Event for the unveiling of the memorial plaque on Techelsberg</b><br>Commemoration of the brave women, children and men. Lectures, discussions and video contributions.   |
|  | Sankt Valentin<br>Volksheim<br>Lower Austria                                | 8pm    | <b>Theatre: „Eichmann“</b><br>Franz FROSCHAUER  |
| <b>Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b> | Linz<br>PH Diocese<br>Salesianumweg 3<br>Upper Austria                      | 7pm    | <b>helden[ge]denken</b><br>Memorial service for the Linz II Sub-camp, organised and conceptualised by fourth year pupils from the Adalbert Stifter School NMS   |

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| <b>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>    | Strasshof<br>Memorial<br>Helmahof-Str.<br>Lower Austria                         | 11:30am | <b>Commemorative Events</b><br>The working group Strasshof will commemorate together with Jewish survivors from the Hungarian Association of Victims of Nazi Persecution, the people who fell victim to the Nazi regime in the transit camp for foreign forced labourers in Strasshof.   |
| <b>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>  | Bachmanning<br>Gemeindeamt<br>Upper Austria                                     | 6pm     | <b>Memorial event</b><br><b>Welcome:</b> Mayor Karl KASER; Texts about the victims from Bachmanning, read by members of the memorial initiative; <b>Memorial speaker:</b> Erich HACKL, author; <b>Other speakers:</b> District commissioner Dr. Josef GRUBER and Dr. Robert EITER, MKÖ board member; <b>Musical accompaniment:</b> Musikverein Bachmanning   |
| <b>Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b> | Loiblpass<br>Memorial Site<br>Zollamtsvorplatz<br>Carinthia<br>Slovenia         | 9am     | <b>Liberation Commemoration</b><br>Loibl Nord: The memorial event is part of the tradition to ensure that the long “forgotten” sub-camps of Mauthausen be anchored in the cultural memory of Austria and Carinthia. The Mauthausen Committee Kärnten/Koroška has an obligation to the victims of the Loiblpass to ensure that their stories of pain, suffering and death as well as the brave resistance and survival are not forgotten; <b>Memorial speech:</b> Alois HOTSCHNIG, author; <b>Voices of witnesses:</b> Hermine LISKA, young person in the resistance of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, survivor of a Nazi “reeducation home” ; <b>Voice of the youth:</b> Katja WEISS, a Carinthian Slovene, daughter of family that was deported to a work camp; <b>Musical accompaniment:</b> Youth choir Danica / Mladinski zbor Danica, St. Primus/Šentprimož; <b>Led by</b> Barbara MISTELBAUER-STERN; <b>Saxophonist:</b> Edgar UNTERKIRCHNER |
|  | Loiblpass<br>Memorial Sites<br>Carinthia<br>Slovenia                            | 11am    | <b>Memorial Event</b> Loibl Süd  |
| <b>Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b> | Bretstein<br>Memorial Site<br>Styria  | 11am    | <b>Memorial service</b><br><b>Speaker:</b> Rudolf HÜTTNER, Kleine Zeitung  |
| <b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>   | Bad Eisenkappel<br>Železna Kapla<br>Koprein Petzen 3<br>Peršmanhof<br>Carinthia | 2pm     | <b>Memorial service at Peršmanhof</b><br>In 1942, the mountain farm of the Carinthian-Slovenian Sadovnik family was an important support point of the resistance movement. Before the end of the war, on 25 <sup>th</sup> 4. 1945, the Sadvonik and Kogoj family paid for their support of the resistance with the lives of 11 of their family. Members of the SS and the 13 <sup>th</sup> Police Regiment carried out a massacre at Peršmanhof that has become embedded as a symbol of their suffering.   |

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| <b>Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>      | <p>Präbichl<br/>Ski Arena</p>   | 9:45pm  | <p><b>11<sup>th</sup> March of Life</b><br/>Meeting point for the march along the path of the former prisoners past the houses to the top of the pass.</p>  |
|   | <p>Mahnmal<br/>Styria</p>   | 11:00pm | <p><b>Memorial service</b></p>  |
| <b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017</b>       | <p>Goldegg<br/>-Weng<br/>Böndlsee carpark<br/>Salzburg</p>  | n.o.    | <p><b>Memorial walk</b><br/>"On the trail of the Goldegg deserters" across the Alpine pastures.<br/>Meeting point Goldegg-Weng carpark, Böndlsee<br/>The memorial walk will be held for the second time to commemorate the anniversary of July 2nd 1944, when an entire SS battalion and around 30 Gestapo hunted six Wehrmacht deserters in an unparalleled operation. Fourteen people would fall victim.<br/><b>Musical Accompaniment:</b> Fritz MOSSHAMMER, Alpine horn, conch, etc.</p> |
|   | <p>Goldegg<br/>Memorial stone<br/>Salzburg</p>  | 6pm     | <p><b>Memorial</b><br/>with the three Austrian victim's organisations at the deserter's memorial<br/><b>Musical Accompaniment:</b> Ensemble Pfeifendurla</p>  |
| <b>Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b> | <p>Ternberg<br/>Pfarrbaracke<br/>Spielfeldstraße 1<br/>Upper Austria</p>                            | 6.30pm  | <p><b>Memorial service</b><br/><b>Speaker:</b> Willi MERNYI, Chair of Austrian Mauthausen Committee<br/><b>Memorial speech:</b> Willi MERNYI, MKÖ Chair<br/><b>Opening words:</b> Bishop Manfred SCHEUER, Jakob ULBRICH, <b>Musical programme:</b> Youth choir "remember" and the brass ensemble of the Musikverein Ternberg, <b>Organisers:</b> Catholic Youth Region Ennstal, <b>In cooperation with</b> the town, parish, Musikverein und Red Cross of Ternberg</p>                      |
| <b>October 2017</b>                           | <p>Linz/Neue Heimat<br/>Memorial Daimler<br/>Siemensstr.<br/>Upper Austria</p>                      | n.o.    | <p><b>Memorial service</b><br/>For the victims of the Nazi work education camp Schörghenhub</p>   |
| <b>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017</b>    | <p>Alkoven<br/>Lern- u. Gedenkort<br/>Schloss Hartheim<br/>Upper Austria</p>                        | 11am    | <p><b>Memorial service</b><br/>Annual memorial service for the victims of Nazi euthanasia at the Schloss Hartheim education and memorial centre</p>   |
| <b>Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>  | <p>Sankt Pantaleon<br/>Memorial Weyer<br/>Moosachstrasse<br/>Municipal Office<br/>Upper Austria</p> | 6pm     | <p><b>Memorial service</b></p>  |
|   |   | 7pm     | <p><b>Screening of the film "Linie 41"</b><br/>about the Litzmannstadt (Lodz) Ghetto followed by a discussion with Jens-Jürgen VENTZKI, son of the Nazi mayor of Litzmannstadt</p>  |

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| <b>Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>  | Guntramsdorf/<br>Wiener Neudorf<br>Lower Austria                               | 8am    | <b>Bus-Excursion</b><br>to Gusen memorial in Upper Austria<br><b>Organisers:</b> KZ-Gedenkverein Guntramsdorf /<br>Wiener Neudorf, gedenkverein.at  |
| <b>Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>  | Wartberg o. d. Aist<br>Event centre<br>Upper Austria                           | 7:30pm | <b>Memorial event</b><br>for the “Mühlviertler Manhunt”   |
| <b>Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>  | Sierning<br>Cemetery<br>Upper Austria  | 5pm    | <b>Memorial service</b><br>Unveiling of a memorial plaque for the ten victims<br>of the death march of Hungarian Jews and for the<br>26 victims of the Saurer-Werke death march.<br>Music – wreath laying – minute’s silence  |
| <b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017</b> | Hinterbrühl<br>Memorial Site<br>Lower Austria                                  | 6pm    | <b>Memorial service for All Saint’s Day</b><br>designed by the participants.  |
| <b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017</b>  | Pichl bei Wels<br>Parish church<br>Upper Austria                               | 7pm    | <b>Memorial service</b><br>Parish church: All Soul’s Day service<br>Followed by an act of remembrance in the cemetery   |
| <b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b> | Steyr<br>Jewish cemetery<br>Taborweg<br>Upper Austria                          | 5pm    | <b>Memorial service</b><br>Welcoming address: Karl RAMSMAYER<br>Music – wreath laying – minute’s silence  |
| <b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>  | Landstraße<br>Platz der Opfer<br>der Deportation<br>Leon Zelman Park<br>Vienna | 6pm    | <b>Vigil and rally</b><br>At the memorial stone by the former Aspeng train<br>station   |
| <b>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>   | Villach<br>Evangel. church<br>Stadtpark<br>Carinthia                           | 7pm    | <b>Commemoration</b> of the <i>Kristallnacht</i> pogrom, No-<br>vember 1938<br>Organised by: Erinnern Villach   |
| <b>Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b> | Lackenbach<br>Memorial Site<br>Burgenland                                      | 11am   | <b>Memorial event</b><br>At the Roma und Sinti memorial.<br>On 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 1940, the “Gypsy camp”<br>Lackenbach was established on the site of a former<br>farm. On 1 <sup>st</sup> November 1941, the number of people<br>imprisoned there had reached its peak of 2335.<br>Of the altogether 4000 Roma and Sinti imprisoned<br>in Lackenbach, 2000 were deported to the<br>Litzmannstadt/ Lodz Ghetto and murdered in<br>autumn 1941.<br>Between 300 and 400 people lived to experience<br>liberation by the Soviet troops in April 1945. |

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Aflenz  
Concentration  
camp site  
Armaments cave  
Styria

10am **Memorial service** on “Human Rights Day” with a wreath laying.  
Representatives from the local district of Wagna, and the executive as well as the Mauthausen Committee, local organisations and visitors.

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

Hinterbrühl  
Memorial Site  
Johannesstr.  
Lower Austria

5pm **Memorial ceremony** for the changing of the year

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