

Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies 2018



Escape and Home

"We wish 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; We will forever remember the many terrible sacrifices that the conquest of this new world has cost for every nation." *(Excerpt from the Mauthausen Oath)*

The Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies at Concentration Camp Memorial Mauthausen and at sites of its former satellite camps have been organized and conducted since 1946 by survivors and their organizations. As successor organization of the Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors (ÖLM), Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ) has taken on this task. Again for 2018, on the occasion of the 73th anniversary of the liberation of concentration camp Mauthausen, in close cooperation with survivor organizations at national (ÖLM) and international levels (International Mauthausen Committee, CIM) MKÖ will be organizing the Ceremonies. Because over 90% of the victims were neither German nor Austrian, commemorating the victims of concentration camp Mauthausen and its satellite camps has international importance. **The International Memorial and Liberation Ceremony at Mauthausen is the largest Memorial and Liberation Ceremony worldwide.**

In addition to the Memorial and Liberation Ceremony in Mauthausen, each year many memorial ceremonies are held at sites of former satellite camps of concentration camp Mauthausen and other locations of Nazi terror. In 2017 **more than 90 memorial events** took place across Austria. Most of these events are organized by local associations and initiatives in close cooperation with Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ). In all, the memorial and liberation ceremonies organized by MKÖ draw over **45,000 participants**, setting a clear signal for "Never again!".

Each year since 2006, the memorial and liberation ceremonies have been dedicated to a specific theme that relates to the history of concentration camp Mauthausen or to Austria's Nazi past. Direct relevance to today is an essential component of each of these themes; especially for young people, this is intended to establish links to their world of experience today through engagement with the era and ideology of national socialism. This year's memorial and liberation ceremonies are dedicated to the theme **"Escape and Home"**.

In 2000, the Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors officially transferred their Legacy to Mauthausen Committee Austria. This legacy forms the foundation of activities of MKÖ. In addition to commemorating the victims of Nazi crimes, especially crimes against those in concentration camp Mauthausen and its satellite camps, MKÖ focuses on activities against right-wing extremism and promotes anti-fascism and anti-racism work, particularly with young people. In recent years, MKÖ has conducted activities with **more than 100,000 young people**: civil courage training, accompaniment at Concentration Camp Memorial Mauthausen and sites of former satellite camps, discussions before and after visits to Concentration Camp Memorial Mauthausen, anti-racism workshops (e.g., "Wir sind alle" and the new topical tours "denk mal wien"), as well as various youth projects related to occasions and topics.



Escape and Home

"We lost our home, which means the familiarity of daily life. We lost our occupation, which means the confidence that we are of some use in this world. We lost our language, which means the naturalness of reactions, the simplicity of gestures, the unaffected expression of feelings. We left our relatives in the Polish ghettos and our best friends have been killed in concentration camps, and that means the rupture of our private lives." (*Essay "We refugees", Hannah Arendt 1943*)

With Adolf Hitler's seizure of power in 1933 in Berlin, the first people fled from the Nazis. The stream of refugees intensified with the introduction of the anti-Semitic Nuremberg Laws in 1935. The Anschluss (annexation) of Austria to Nazi Germany in March 1938 triggered riots against Jews in Austria. After the November pogroms in 1938, when the vulnerable Jewish minority was attacked with great brutality, it was clear that the Jewish population was defenseless in the German Reich. With the seizure of power and the Austrian Anschluss, the Nazis offensively pursued political opponents, trade unionists, members of Christian churches and other religions, other ethnic groups, homosexuals, intellectuals, artists and sooner or later anyone who rejected the Nazi regime. Already April 1938 saw the first transport of regime opponents from Vienna to concentration camp Dachau. In August 1938 the first prisoners arrived in Mauthausen, where the construction of the concentration camp began. In December 1938 there were nearly 1000 prisoners.

Beyond the political, religious and economic causes of refugee exodus, in the 1930s the Nazi terror regime created a new reason for the escape of refugees: racism. Waves of refugees crossed all of Europe to escape the death machinery of the Nazis. From one day to the next, families were broken up. The organization of Kindertransporten (children's transports) to England from November 1938 until September 1939 rescued ca. 10,000 children and youths from Germany, Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia. A lack of financial means coupled with strict immigration statutes in many countries prevented many people from fleeing; they were left victims to the Nazi extermination machinery. In various countries of Europe, many private initiatives attempted to negotiate more favorable conditions for refugees from Nazi Germany. The UN, refugee conventions and NGOs did not exist at that time.

The history of Europe since WWII is repeatedly marked by waves of refugees. Wars in former Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria along with fundamentalist terror are two reasons for escape. Images of the huge waves of refugees in 2015 showed people dragging their children by the hand, with a minimum of possessions, looking for a place where their life is not in danger. What remains is the loss of friends, family, native language and culture. The popular term "home" is defined as "a place where one grew up or where one feels at home due to long-range residence."

People who must flee across national borders have lost everything. War and terror have made their home a strange place. In the Nazi era, under the most difficult conditions people helped other people. Let us learn from history and follow the example of the liberated prisoners of concentration camp Mauthausen, whose Mauthausen Oath of 16 Mai 1945 expressed the values of international solidarity:

"The permanence in the camp, lasting years, has reinforced in our minds the knowledge of the value of brotherhood among the people of all nations." (*Excerpt from the Mauthausen Oath*)

SUNDAY, 6. MAY 2018

INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL AND LIBERATION CEREMONY

CC Memorial Mauthausen
Oberösterreich**08:00****Ceremonies at the national memorials**

From 8:00 to 11:00, memorial ceremonies will be held in the monument area of CC Memorial Mauthausen. Detailed information is in the programm.

CC Memorial Mauthausen -
Chapel
Oberösterreich**09:45****Ecumenical church service**

with Diocese Bishop Dr. Manfred SCHEUER, Pastor Dr. Hannelore REINER and Priest Ioannis NIKOLITSIS

Musical accompaniment: Musica Viva - Mauthausen Parish Choir, led by Alfred HOCHEDLINGER

CC Memorial Mauthausen
Oberösterreich**10:20**

Assembly of the large Italian delegation and Austrian youth groups in orderly formation at the former muster ground. Therefore, from 10:20h entering or leaving the ground will be very difficult. Please try to be at the former muster ground by **10:50h** at the latest.

CC Memorial Mauthausen
Oberösterreich**11:00****Collective liberation celebration at former muster ground**

The joint memorial ceremony begins with the reading of the Mauthausen Oath in various languages.

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 of national victim organizations from Germany, Poland, Russia and Hungary will address the crowds in their national languages.

CC Memorial Mauthausen
Oberösterreich**12:45**

Joint departure parade - similar to the first liberation ceremonies of CC survivors - with all participants at the end of the festivities.
Official end of the Liberation Commemoration

TUESDAY, 16. JANUARY 2018

RIED IM INNKREIS

Bildungshaus St. Franziskus
Oberösterreich



20:00

Book presentation, reading & discussion of "An Marysia"

A family history in letters 1935-1950, edited by Helga HOFER, Hans JOACHIM and Sofia BREUSTEDT.

Organizer: OÖ VBW Ried, Treffpunkt der Frau (Women's Meetingplace)

SATURDAY, 3. FEBRUARY 2018

MAUTHAUSEN

CC Memorial Besucherzentrum
Oberösterreich



13:00 - 18:00

Hiking in the footsteps of the Mühlviertler Hasenjagd

Short introduction to this Nazi war crime; then hike along the main escape route - Schloß Marbach - through a forest to Ried in der Riedmark to the memorial (3,5 km) with Franz AIGENBAUER, NR Sabine SCHATZ and Bernhard MÜHLEDER. Closing in restaurant Kirchenwirt Ried. Talk with eyewitness Anna HACKL.

Registration and additional information at www.perspektive-mauthausen.at

Organizer: perspektive mauthausen

SUNDAY, 4. FEBRUARY 2018

GALLNEUKIRCHEN

Monument for Peace, Anton-
Riepl-Straße
Oberösterreich



18:00

Memorial ceremony at the local "Monument for Peace"

Theme: Against apathy

Memorial address: Thomas BAUM

THURSDAY, 15. FEBRUARY 2018**UTZENAICH**Pfarrheim
Oberösterreich**20:00****Book presentation**

Gottfried GANSINGER, National Socialism im Bezirk Ried im Innkreis. Widerstand and Verfolgung 1938-1945

THURSDAY, 22. FEBRUARY 2018**REICHERSBERG AM INN**Monastery Reichersberg
Oberösterreich**19:30****Book presentation**

Gottfried GANSINGER, National Socialism im Bezirk Ried im Innkreis. Widerstand and Verfolgung 1938-1945 with particular attention to the events in the monastery parish

THURSDAY, 1. MARCH 2018**MAUTHAUSEN**Donausaal
Oberösterreich**20:00****"WOHIN" - Maria Hofstätter reads stories of people who had to flee**

At this event the middle school of Mauthausen will present photos and texts on the topic of "Living together". Photographer Volker WEIHBOLD will display his photos on the subject of "Escape".

Organizer: Perspektive Mauthausen

TUESDAY, 13. MARCH 2018**RIED IM INNKREIS**Track & field stadium
Oberösterreich**08:20****Pilgrimage to Dachau**

Bus trip from Ried im Innkreis - with Bishop Dr. Manfred SCHEUER, Superintendent Dr. Gerold LEHNER and other representatives of public and church life.

Organizer: KA OÖ

Additional information and registration: <https://www.dioezese-linz.at/site/ka/home/news/article/82917.html>

THURSDAY, 15. MARCH 2018

ERLAUF

Museum ERLAUF ERINNERT,
Kirchenplatz 3
Niederösterreich



18:30

"Presentation of Spaces Between" - Website and Exhibit on memorial sites near Erlauf and Melk

The research and dissemination project "Spaces Between" is dedicated to locations of Nazi crimes and the results of a changing culture of remembrance in the region around Erlauf and Melk.

Website <http://www.erlaufferinnert.at/zwischenraeume/> functions as a platform for knowledge transfer and links locations and initiatives in the region. The goal of the project is to keep alive the remembrance of resistance and persecution during the Nazi regime. In addition to the presentation of the website and a temporary exhibit on the subject, project participants and cooperation partners will discuss current issues regarding dissemination and networking of regional memorial initiatives.

Moderation: Alexander HAUER (MERKwürdig. A series of events against violence and forgetting)

RIED IM INNKREIS

Bildungshaus St. Franziskus
Oberösterreich



20:00

Book presentation, reading & discussion

Gudula WALTERSKIRCHEN: Mythen, Fakten and blinde Flecken in der Geschichte Österreichs (Myths, Facts and Blind Spots in Austria's History)

SATURDAY, 24. MARCH 2018

OBERWART

Rathaus
Burgenland

13:00 - 18:00

Conference "And what does this have to do with me?" (German)

SUNDAY, 25. MARCH 2018

RECHNITZ

Memorial Kreuzstadl
Burgenland



14:00

Memorial ceremony

for all victims of the building of the Southeast Wall

THURSDAY, 29. MARCH 2018**VIENNA**

Jewish Institute for Adult Education, Praterstern 1
Wien

**08:15 - 18:00****18. Memorial trip to Engerau**

Meeting point: Praterstern 1, at 8:15 am; departure: 8:30 am

Unveiling of a memorial plaque for murdered Hungarian-Jewish forced laborers of camp Engerau in Hainburg.

Registration until 24. March 2018 with: Dr. Claudia KURETSIDIS-HAIDER (E-Mail: claudia.kuretsidis@nachkriegsjustiz.at)

FRIDAY, 30. MARCH 2018**HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial, Johannesgasse
Niederösterreich

**14:30****Memorial ceremony and Way of the Cross****FRIDAY, 6. APRIL 2018****GRAZ-LIEBENAU**

Memorial plaque, Anderseng. 32-34
Steiermark

**18:00****Memorial tour** of the former camp grounds at today's Grünanger**GRAZ**

Parish Graz-Süd, Anton-Lippe
Platz 1
Steiermark

19:30**Commemorative addresses and Memorial concert for the victims of forced labor and transit camp for Hungarian Jews**

Addresses: Mag. Pastor Alois SOSTERIC, MR Dr. Rainer POSSERT, Landtagspräsidentin Dr.ⁱⁿ Bettina VOLLATH, City councillor for culture Dr. Günter RIEGLER p.p. Major NAGL, Christa BAUER, MAS - CEO Mauthausen Committee Austria

Music: Paul GULDA and Berndt Luef Jazztett Forum Graz

SUNDAY, 8. APRIL 2018**DACHAU**

CC Memorial Dachau
Bayern

11:00**Ecumenical liturgy**

in remembrance of the first transport of Austria opponents of National Socialism to CC Dachau on 1. and 2. April 1938

Participants: retired bishop of the Diocese of Linz Dr. h.c. Maximilian AICHERN
Bishop Dr. Michael BÜNKER

Organizer: CC Memorial Dachau

BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA

Cemetery in Eisenkappel
Kärnten

11:00**Memorial ceremony**

in memory of the death of France PASTERK-LENART and all who are buried in the cemetery in Eisenkappel/Železna Kapla.

THURSDAY, 12. APRIL 2018**WIEN-SIMMERING**

Haidestraße 22, Oriongasse,
Restaurant "zur Bast"
Wien

**14:00****Memorial ceremony at former satellite camp Vienna Saurer-Werke**

Numerous honoured guests, including representatives of the 11th 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; Organised by: 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.

LENZING

Monument in Pettighofen
Oberösterreich

18:00**Memorial ceremony****ENNS**

St. Laurenz, Platz vor der
Basilika
Oberösterreich

18:30**Memorial ceremony "Escape and Home"**

Remembering the victims der of the death marches of Jews from Mauthausen to Gunkirchen

Addresses: Major Franz Stefan KARLINGER, Gerhard RIEDL (MK Enns)

Music: Ennser Ensemble

Organizer: Mauthausen Committee Enns

Parish hall, Lorch
Oberösterreich

**19:30****Film and reading "Die Welt im Frühling verlassen" (German)**

about Bozena SKRABALEK (Czech resistance fighter, murdered in Mauthausen 10.04.1945), with author Herma KENNEL from Berlin

Organizer: Mauthausen Committee Enns

SATURDAY, 14. APRIL 2018**PEGGAU**

Protestant parish Peggau,
Margarethenstraße
Steiermark

14:00**Workshops by confirmees****16:00****Memorial march**

along the path of the prisoners from the work locations to the former camp grounds

Memorial Hinterberg
Steiermark

16:30**Memorial ceremony**

with text and musical contributions, and reading of the names of victims

LINZ

Parish Marcel Callo, Auwiesen
Oberösterreich

19:00

110th Anniversary of cloth factory - Ceremony and opening of exhibit
The cloth factory Himmelreich & Zwicker in Linz, constructed in 1908, was assigned to Otto Wagner School. After termination of industrial production in the mid-1980s, the building was adapted for apartments and for church rooms of parish Linz Marcel Callo. The parish patron Marcel Callo was a Catholic youth worker who, as an opponent of National Socialism, was murdered in March 1945 in CC Mauthausen. On the occasion of the ceremony for the 110th anniversary of the establishment of the cloth factory, an exhibit will be opened in cooperation with the Archive of the City of Linz.

SUNDAY, 15. APRIL 2018**HOHENBERG**

Cemetery
Niederösterreich

11:00**Unveiling of a memorial plaque**

for the 6 people who died violently in the last days of the war in Hohenberg

Welcoming words: Mayor Heinrich PREUS

Memorial address: Dr. Hans HEISS, deputy of the Landtag in South Tyrol; Elisabeth

MALLEIER, descendant of one of the victims

Closing words: Konstantin KAISER

Music: Hohenberger brass band

MONDAY, 16. APRIL 2018 TILL FRIDAY, 20. APRIL 2018**LINZ**

Arbeiterkammer OÖ,
Volksgartenstraße 40
Oberösterreich

08:30**Hermann Langbein Symposium 2018 (German)**

For 38 years the seminar "Ideology and Reality of National Socialism", better known as the "Hermann Langbein Symposium", has served as an important module in education on the topic of the Nazi era in Austria. The goal is to explain Nazi crimes and to provide comprehensive knowledge and information for antifascist clarification work for teachers of all types of schools. The affinity of the seminar venue to the memorials Mauthausen and Hartheim enables excursions that include these memorials and their educational services. Further information at www.langbeinsymposium.at.

MONDAY, 16. APRIL 2018**GLEISDORF**

Cityhall
Steiermark

17:00**A Culture of Remembrance, But How? - Panel discussion with:**

Mag.^a Johanna ZECHNER, curator of the ERLAUF ERINNERT museum; Dr.ⁱⁿ Elisabeth FIEDLER, head and curator of the section of art in external spaces, department of art in public space Steiermark; Christoph STARK, mayor of Gleisdorf, member of parliament; Dr. Gerald LAMPRECHT, Karl Franzens University of Graz, erinnern.at; Mag. Markus WILFING, artist and instructor at Meisterschule für Kunst und Gestaltung Graz
Moderation: Wolfgang SEEREITER, "Zukunft braucht Erinnerung"

THURSDAY, 19. APRIL 2018**WIEN-INNERE STADT**

Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance (DÖW), Wipplingerstr. 6-8
Wien

**18:30****Book presentation "NS, Provinz und Vienna" (German)**

Gottfried Gansinger presents the book "National Socialism im Bezirk Ried im Innkreis" (Nazism in the county of Ried) and its many relations to Vienna. This book presentation, with reading of excerpts, shows examples of the unbelievably intensive persecution that are over and over again related to Vienna. This occurred in the shadow of a network of local transregional perpetrators from the Innviertel (in Upper Austria).

Opening: Stephan ROTH, Mitarbeiter DÖW

Introduction and moderation: Josef PUMBERGER, board member of Mauthausen Committee Austria

Afterwards wine and bread sponsored by attorney Dr. Klemens DALLINGER

We request registration: office@doew.at

FRIDAY, 20. APRIL 2018**STADT SALZBURG**

Ignaz Rieder Kai 21
Salzburg

**11:00****Memorial ceremony at monument for Roma and Sinti**

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 "Gypsy stopping camp" Lackenbach.

WEDNESDAY, 25. APRIL 2018**ANSFELDEN**

Kremsbrücke, Gh. Stockinger
Oberösterreich

**18:00****Memorial ceremony against forgetting - "Escape and Home"**

"Forgetting evil grants permission to repeat."

Geh-denken (marching to remember) 2018 for humanitarian togetherness, a memorial ceremony to remember those murdered in the death marches of Jews from Mauthausen to Gunskirchen.

Organizer: Plattform "Wider das Vergessen", MK Ansfelden, Treffpunkt mensch & arbeit Nettingsdorf, ÖGB Linz-Land

WELS

Jewish memorial Cemetery
Oberösterreich

18:30**Commemoration of the victims of the death marches of Hungarian Jews**

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. Commemorative addresses: Dr. Wilhelm ACHLEITNER, Director Bildungshauses Puchberg; Mag. Werner RETZL, Initiative gegen Faschismus in Wels. Musical accompaniment: A Capella Chor Wels.

THURSDAY, 26. APRIL 2018**ST. AEGYD/NEUWALDE**

Kulturstadel, Marktplatz
Niederösterreich

**18:30****Memorial ceremony**

The memorial ceremony under the motto "Flight and Home" will be led by pupils of Middle School St. Aegyde along with the school choir. In the realm of the memorial ceremony, there will be the traditional Silent March to the CC memorial on the site of the Catholic cemetery.

Guest speaker: Katharina STEMBERGER, Integration House, Vienna

RIED IM INNKREIS

Lern- und Gedenkort Charlotte
Taitl-Haus, Roßmarkt
Oberösterreich



Stadtsaal
Oberösterreich

19:00**Minutes of silence**

for the 40 victims of CC Dachau from the county of Ried im Innkreis

20:00**Memorial ceremony**

for die victims of CC Dachau from the county of Ried im Innkreis

THURSDAY, 3. MAY 2018**WIEN-FLORIDSDORF**

Bezirkmuseum
Wien

**10:00****Memorial ceremony****WIENER NEUSTADT**

Serbenhalle, Pottendorferstraße
Niederösterreich

**11:00****Wreath ceremony**

Always somebody! Always somewhere! Always sometime! Never me? Never here? Never now?

WIENER NEUSTADT

City hall, Hauptplatz 1-3
Niederösterreich

18:30

Memorial ceremony in the City hall of Wr. Neustadt
Speaker: Kurt BAUER, historian

PERSENBEUG A.D. DONAU

Marktplatz
Niederösterreich

18:00

Remembering the Massacre of Hofamt Priel

FRIDAY, 4. MAY 2018**LINZ**

Memorial Linz III, Lunzerstraße
74
Oberösterreich

10:00

Memorial ceremony commemorating the liberation of satellite camp Linz III
Wreath ceremony

GLEISDORF

Shoah Memorial, Rathausplatz
Steiermark

**10:00**

Celebrating the Commemoration Day against Violence and Racism

Topic "Escape and Home"; with the participation of secondary school students of NMS Gleisdorf and BG/BRG Gleisdorf, Commemoration speech by Dr. Edda ENGELKE, historian, refugee assistant

Organizer: association "Zukunft braucht Erinnerung" (future needs remembrance)

KIRCHDORF A.D. KREMS

Monument "Todesmarsch und
Zivilcourage", Steiermärker
Straße 26
Oberösterreich

14:30 - 15:30

Memorial ceremony at monument "Death march and civil courage"

WEYER-DIPOLDSAU

Memorial
Oberösterreich

16:00

Memorial ceremony

Topic: 30 years of remembrance at Dipoldsau in Weyer on the Enns River:
A retrospect of 30 years of remembrance with many initiators and participants of memorial ceremonies since 1988

Musical contributions: Robert GRADAUER, Marion AHAMER with Choir Vocabella, Mag. Hannes SULZER and Music School Weyer/Großraming, John SWEENEY, and others.
Greetings by regional and national political representatives and Weyer mayor Gerhard KLAFFNER

Guests of honor: Karl LINDNER (text design of the first memorial in 1988), Alois LINDENBAUER (artistic design of the memorial 1988 and the memorial 2005)

Memorial address: Robert EITER (speaker of Upper Austrian Network against Racism and Right-Wing Extremism, Member of the Board of Mauthausen Committee Austria)

Artistic/political action by cultural association Frikulum

Prayer by pastor Walter DORFER

Organizer: Mauthausen Committee Weyer/Dipoldsau

ST. VALENTIN

Anna-Strasser-Platz
Niederösterreich



17:00
Memorial ceremony

SPITAL AM PYHRN

St. Leonhard church
Oberösterreich



17:00
Memorial ceremony for the victims of National socialism in the Home for non-German Children

A scenic collage of the fates of children assembled by students ORG ROSE (high school) in Steyr condenses history in stories and makes it visible.

Musical framework: Flute Ensemble Windischgarsten

Wreath ceremony

Organizer: Gedenkinitiative Spital am Pyhrn (commemorative initiative)

EBENSEE

"Löwengang", Alte Traunstraße
Oberösterreich

17:30
"Stations of Concern"

REDL-ZIPF

Monument
Oberösterreich

18:30
Memorial ceremony and book presentation
Presentation of the german version of Cyril Mallet's book "Raketen aus der Brauerei" about the subcamp Schlier.

SATURDAY, 5. MAY 2018**GUNSKIRCHEN**

Monument, Bundesstrasse 1
Oberösterreich



10:00
"Walk of Solidarity"

On the day of the liberation of the former concentrations camp Gunskirchen we commit together with survivors of the camp the "Walk of Solidarity".

GUNSKIRCHEN

CC-cemetery
Oberösterreich

**10:30****Liberation ceremony**

The Liberation ceremony at the site of the former concentration camp Gunskirchen begins with a joint "Walk of Solidarity".

Welcoming words: Mayor Josef STURMAIR, Gunskirchen. Memorial address: former Federal Chancellor Dr. Franz VRANITZKY, György FRISCH, Representative of the hungarian jewish community and Dr. Robert EITER, Chairmember Mauthausen Committee Austria. Co-operated with Neuen Mittelschule Gunskirchen, Landesmusikschule Gunskirchen and Singkreises Edt bei Lambach.

EBENSEE

CC victim cemetery
Oberösterreich

**10:30****73. International Liberation Ceremony**

Speakers: Susanne SCHOLL and CC Ebensee survivor Stanley (Zoltan) BERNATH

FÜRSTENFELD

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

**12:00 - 13:00****Vigil for the victims of National Socialism
and against violence and extremism of any kind**

Topic: Escape and home

Speaker: Gerald L. GUSCHLBAUER

Music: Modesta TRUMMER, Paul ROCH and others

SANKT GEORGEN A.D. GUSEN

Brunnenweg
Oberösterreich

**15:00****Wreath ceremony**

at entrance of tunnel known as "Bergkristall"

Guided tours of the remaining memorial tunnels of "Bergkristall" on May 3, 4 and 5.

Introductory presentation in Museum St. Georgen, Färbergasse 4.

Registration: rupert.pilsl@mauthausen-memorial.org or tel. +43 7238 226 95

LANGENSTEIN

Memorial Gusen
Oberösterreich

**17:00****International liberation ceremony under the motto "Escape and Displacement"**

Reports from various nations regarding displacement of persons by the Nazis and their deportation to Gusen. Current reports from Afghan refugees residing in the area of St. Georgen.

Lecture: Gunther TRÜBSWASSER, Head of SOS Menschenrechte (Human Rights): "Human rights apply for everyone"

Welcome: former prisoners

Music of Polish composer Jan SZTMRNIA, murdered in Gusen in 1940: Music School of the city of Czecsyn (Poland)

NEUMARKT

Schloss Lind
Steiermark



20:00

Seasonal opening of Schloss Lind / a different homeland museum

Reading from the book "Ich bin nur mehr ein Schatten, Briefe der Else POSAMENTIER" (German). Author Michael SCHIESTL will read from his book about the fate of a Judenburger Jew and her family.

Concert: The ensemble TRIosphäre, led by cellist Cornelia PERWEIN, was founded September 2012 by young musicians from Carinthia and Styria. Cornelia PERWEIN, Tatjana WURZER and Raphael KASPRIAN present seldom performed chamber music as a framework for the reading by Michael SCHIESTL.

SUNDAY, 6. MAY 2018

MAUTHAUSEN

CC Memorial Mauthausen -
Monument for Roma and Sinti
Oberösterreich



09:00

Memorial ceremony

Representatives of Austrian Roma and Sinti organizations will commemorate their Nazi victims with a wreath ceremony at the monument for Roma and Sinti

CC Memorial Mauthausen -
Leopold Figl Memorial
Oberösterreich

09:00

Memorial ceremony at Leopold Figl Memorial

Moment of silence with state secretary Mag.^a Karoline EDTSTADLER

CC Memorial Mauthausen -
Wailing Wall
Oberösterreich



09:15

Memorial Ceremony

from the CC-Verband/VdA OÖ for 42 resistance fighters killed on the 28.-29. April 1945.

CC Memorial Mauthausen -
Memorial
Oberösterreich

10:00

Memorial ceremony at Richard Bernaschek Memorial

Memorial ceremony of Bundes Sozialdemokratischer FreiheitskämpferInnen (Union of Social Democratic Freedom Fighters), Opfer des Faschismus (Victims of Fascism) and active antifascists

Speaker: Chairman of the Social Democratic Party (SPÖ) Mag. Christian KERN

RIED/RIEDMARK

Monument for "Mühlviertler
Hasenjagd"
Oberösterreich

15:30

Memorial ceremony for Mühlviertler Hasenjagd

with contributions by MP Sabine SCHATZ and Mayor Ernst RABL. Memorial address: former Federal President Dr. Heinz FISCHER

MONDAY, 7. MAY 2018**AMSTETTEN**

Memorial, Eisenreichdornach
Niederösterreich

**10:00****Memorial ceremony**

Ecumenical prayer and wreath ceremony

Speakers: representatives of the city of Amstetten, Yolande THONET (representing Willy PYPEN, President of Amicale de Mauthausen, Belgium) and representatives of the Initiative Amstetten; cultural and music program of schools of Amstetten (Ostarrichi Gymnasium, HAK, HLW, BAKIP, vocational school)

MELK

CC Memorial, Melk Memorial
Niederösterreich

**10:30****Liberation ceremony**

Organization: students from the county of Melk
Moderation: Alexander HAUER

STEYR

CC Monument, Haagerstraße
Oberösterreich

**17:30****Liberation ceremony**

Greeting: Mag. Karl RAMSMAIER, MK Steyr;

Greetings: Dr. Michael SCHODERMAYR, alderman of the city Steyr

Memorial address: Dr. Isolde CHARIM, philosopher and publicist, Vienna

Words of remembrance: Daniel SIMON, Amicale de Mauthausen

Music; Performance: Students, ORG ROSE Steyr

Wreath ceremony, minutes of silence at CC monument

(If bad weather, in fire department Münchenholz, Prinzstraße 1a, 4400 Steyr)

WR. NEUDORF

Old town hall, Rathausplatz 1
Niederösterreich

19:30**Memorial concert**

Reception of the municipality in the old town hall for the Polish delegation

Welcome: Herbert JANSCHKA, Mayor of Wr. Neudorf; Jürgen H. GANGOLY, head of memorial association

Concert with young Polish artists from the Music Academy Krakau (Chopin, List etc.)

TUESDAY, 8. MAY 2018**HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial Hinterbrühl,
Johannesstraße
Niederösterreich

**09:00****Wreath ceremony** at Hinterbrühl Memorial

09:45 Tour of Seegrotte Hinterbrühl

(08:45 joint departure Hotel Best Western Shopping City South)

WIEN-INNERE STADT

Monument Morzinplatz
Wien

**10:00****Wreath ceremony**

at memorial to victims of the Gestapo, at Morzinplatz

Memorial address:

Willi MERNYI, chairman - Mauthausen Committee Austria

Hon.-Prof.in Dr.ⁱⁿ Brigitte BAILER-GALANDA, form. head of DÖW

Mag. Raimund FASTENBAUER, general secretary - IKG Vienna

David ELLENSOHN, chairman - Die Grünen Wien

Moderation: Niki KUNRATH

Heldenplatz
Wien

**20:00****Festival of Joy**

On the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of Austria's liberation from the Nazi terror regime, Mauthausen Committee Austria will host the sixth Festival of Joy.

GUNTRAMSDORF

Memorial Guntramsdorf,
Industriestraße 21
Niederösterreich

11:00**Wreath ceremony**

Music on arrival

Welcome: Mayor Robert WEBER, Andreas FRANK, Jürgen H. GANGOLY

WR. NEUDORF

Memorial Wr. Neudorf,
Eumigweg/Palmersstraße
Niederösterreich

11:45**Wreath ceremony**

Welcome: Mayor Herbert JANSCHKA

Speakers: Polish embassy and a survivor (incl. translation)

Musical framework

BRAUNAU

Monument in Braunau
Oberösterreich

**18:00****Memorial ceremony at the monument in Braunau**

for the victims of National socialism and war

Speaker: Dr. Reinhold MITTERLEHNER, ret. Vice-chancellor

Music: Democratic Chorus Braunau

VILLACH

Monument of the names,
Widmannngasse
Kärnten

18:00**Commemorating the victims of Nazi tyranny in Villach****ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM**

Monument, train station
Oberösterreich

18:30**Wreath ceremony**

Phönixsaal
Oberösterreich

19:00**Memorial ceremony**

Speaker: Cornelius OBONYA, actor

EBENSEE

Cinema Ebensee
Oberösterreich

20:00
Film "Murer - Anatomie eines Prozesses" (German)

WEDNESDAY, 9. MAY 2018**VÖCKLABRUCK**

Berufsschule Vöcklabruck
Oberösterreich

13:30
Memorial ceremony
Organized by students from the Berufsschule Vöcklabruck

LINZ

Chapel of the Private Pedagogic
College of the Diocese Linz,
Salesianumweg 3
Oberösterreich

19:00
Memorial ceremony for satellite camp Linz II
Theme: "Home ... less!?"
Organization: students of the 8th grade at Adalbert Stifter Middle School

THURSDAY, 10. MAY 2018**EBENSEE**

Cinema Ebensee
Oberösterreich

20:00
Film "Murer - Anatomie eines Prozesses" (German)

SATURDAY, 12. MAY 2018**GREIFENBURG**

Monument/Train Station
Kärnten



17:00
Memorial ceremony for the victims of National Socialism in the Upper Drautal
Subject: The political takeover of the Nationalsocialists in the Upper Drautal
Speakers: Gernot NISCHELWITZER, Dr. Paul HASSLER, Peter PIRKER; Reading of historical documents by students of the HLW Spittal/Drau; Musical performance by Christiof HOFER (Akkordeon)

SUNDAY, 13. MAY 2018**GALLNEUKIRCHEN**

Monument for Peace, Anton-
Riepl-Straße
Oberösterreich



18:30
Memorial ceremony at the Monument for Peace
Guiding theme: 100 years Republic of Austria - Wrestling with Democracy
Memorial address: Franz FROSCHAUER

MONDAY, 28. MAY 2018**STRASSHOF**

Monument, Helmahofstraße
Niederösterreich

**11:30****Act of Remembrance**

for the victims of the transit camp for foreign forced laborers in Strasshof.

Speaker: Ludwig DELTL, Mayor of Strasshof; Bernhard BLANK, head of workgroup Arbeitsgruppe Strasshof; János SCHIFFER, head of Union of Hungarian Nazi Victims. The event is organized jointly with the Union of Hungarian Nazi Victims.

SATURDAY, 9. JUNE 2018**LOIBLPASS**

Memorial, Zollamtsvorplatz
Kärnten



Memorial, Loibl Süd, Slowenien
Kärnten

09:00**Memorial and liberation ceremony**

This memorial ceremony strives to anchor the long forgotten satellite camp of Mauthausen in the cultural memory of Austria and Carinthia.

Mauthausen Committee Carinthia/Koroška as organizer feels an obligation to the CC victims of Loiblpass to preserve in honored memory their stories of suffering and dying, but also their courageous resistance and survival. Memorial address: Ludwig LAHER, writer; Voices of eyewitnesses: Lutz POPPER; Voice of youth: Texts written by students (WI'MO Klagenfurt); Musical framework: Students-Ensemble BRG Viktring

11:00**Memorial and liberation ceremony****SUNDAY, 24. JUNE 2018****BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA**

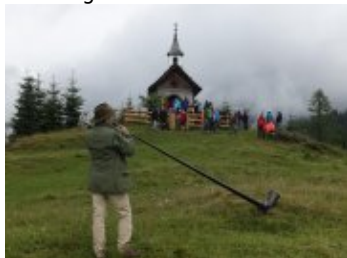
Koprein, Petzen 3, Peršmanhof
Kärnten

14:00**Memorial ceremony at Peršmanhof**

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 April 1945, the Sadovnik and Kogoj family paid for their support of the resistance with the lives of 11 of their family. Members of the SS and the 13th Police Regiment carried out a massacre at Peršmanhof that has become embedded as a symbol of their suffering. The crime remained judicially unpunished.

SATURDAY, 30. JUNE 2018**GOLDEGG-WENG**

Meeting point: restaurant
"Seeblick am Böndlsee"
Salzburg

**09:00 - 18:00****Memorial hike commemorating the victims of the 2nd July 1944 in Goldegg****GOLDEGG**

Monument
Salzburg

19:00**Memorial ceremony**

at the monument in Goldegg to commemorate the victims of the Gestapo raid on 2 July 1944

WEDNESDAY, 4. JULY 2018**PRÄBICHL**Ski-Arena
Steiermark**09:45****12. March of Life**

9:45 Uhr: Meeting point for march along the path of former prisoners over Almhäuser to Passhöhe

Monument
Steiermark**11:00****Memorial ceremony****FRIDAY, 28. SEPTEMBER 2018****TERNBERG**Parish barracks, Spielfeldstraße
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Oberösterreich**18:30****Memorial ceremony**

Memorialspeech: Harald KRASSNITZER

Addresses: Retired Gov. Dr. Josef PÜHRINGER, Dr. Irmgard ASCHAUER (head of Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors), Robert AISTLEITNER (head of Catholic Youth of Upper Austria)

Music: Youth Choir "re-member", "Bläser"-Ensemble of the MV Ternberg, Students of the NMS Ternberg

Organizer: Catholic Youth Upper Austria, Region Ennstal

Co-organizer: parish, municipality, Music Assoc., Red Cross of Ternberg, Siedlerverein, NMS, Katholische Frauenbewegung, Katholisches Bildungswerk and Mauthausen Comitee Austria

SATURDAY, 29. SEPTEMBER 2018**GOLDEGG**Bischofshofen Bahnhof
Salzburg**07:00 - 17:00****Excursion to the Museum and CC-Memorial Ebensee**Further Information and registration at www.goldeggerdeserteure.at**MONDAY, 1. OCTOBER 2018****ALKOVEN**Lern- und Gedenkort Schloss
Hartheim
Oberösterreich**17:00****Memorial ceremony**

Annual memorial ceremony for the victims of Nazi euthanasia in Schloss Hartheim

SATURDAY, 6. OCTOBER 2018**BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA**Koprein, Petzen 3, Peršmanhof
Kärnten**18:00 - 01:00****Long night at Peršman Museum****ST. PANTALEON**Memorial site, Moosachstraße
Oberösterreich**18:00****Memorial ceremony** with wreath laying

Memorial address: Renate WELSH

Municipal office,
Pantaleonerstraße 25
Oberösterreich**18:45****Reading and discussion**

with Renate WELSH. (including, in german, from: In die Waagschale geworfen. Österreich im Widerstand)

SUNDAY, 28. OCTOBER 2018**GOLDEGG**

Monument at recuperation
facility of Salzburger
Gebietskrankenkasse
Salzburg

14:00**Memorial ceremony**

Informal remembrance of Karl RUPITSCH, August EGGER, Kaspar WIND and Alois BUDER, who as deserters from the Nazi military or for supporting such, were murdered on 28 Oct. 1944 in CC Mauthausen.

THURSDAY, 1. NOVEMBER 2018**HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial, Johannesgasse
Niederösterreich

**18:00****Memorial ceremony on All-Saints Day**

created by participants

FRIDAY, 2. NOVEMBER 2018**PICHL BEI WELS**

Parish church
Oberösterreich

19:00**Memorial ceremony for the victims of the Home for non-Aryan Children in Schloss Etzelsdorf**

All-Souls' Day service

Following: memorial service at cemetery

THURSDAY, 8. NOVEMBER 2018**WARTBERG OB DER AIST**

Monument
Oberösterreich

**19:30****Memorial ceremony for "Mühlviertler Menschenjagd"****FRIDAY, 9. NOVEMBER 2018****WIEN-LANDSTRASSE**

Platz der Opfer der Deportation -
Leon Zelman Park
Wien

18:00**Vigil and ceremony**

at monument in front of former Aspang train station

SATURDAY, 17. NOVEMBER 2018**LACKENBACH**

Memorial
Burgenland

**11:00****Memorial ceremony**

at the monument for Roma and Sinti. On 23 November 1940 in a former farm, the Nazis set up the "Gypsy camp" Lackenbach. Of some 4000 Roma and Sinti imprisoned in camp Lackenbach, in Autumn 1941 2000 were deported to the ghetto Lodz/Litzmannstadt and murdered. Only 300 to 400 prisoners survived until the April 1945 liberation by Soviet troops.

MONDAY, 10. DECEMBER 2018**AFLENZ**

CC Memorial, Römersteinbruch
Steiermark

**Time will be announced****Memorial ceremony**

on "Human Rights Day" with wreath ceremony
Time to be announced

MONDAY, 31. DECEMBER 2018**HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial, Johannesgasse
Niederösterreich

**18:00****Memorial ceremony at turn of year**