



FROM YESTERDAY TO TODAY – HOW HISTORY IS TOLD? THE CULTURE OF REMEMBRANCE OF FASCIST REGIMES IN EUROPA

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WORKSHOP WITH STUDENTS

Venue and date of the event

Venue of the event: Bethlen Gábor Reformed High School (2 Szőnyi Street, H-6800 Hódmezővásárhely, Hungary)

Date: May 23, 2022

Theme: The presentation and evaluation of the objectives and results of the Europe for Citizens project titled „From Yesterday to Today - How History is Told? The Culture of Remembrance of Fascist Regimes in Europe”

Programme of the event

1. General introduction to the project
Speaker: Ferenc Simon, President of the Foundation of Knowledge
2. Evaluation of the four workshops of the project and presentation of the sites visited:
 - Potsdam (15-18 March, 2022): Lindenstrasse Memorial Site, Memorial to the Victims of Euthanasia Murders (Brandenburg an der Havel)
 - Lisbon (April 23-26, 2022): Aljube Museum
 - Zagreb (May 7-10, 2022): Dotrščina antifascist memorial site, Jasenovac memorial site, Roma Memorial Center (Uštica)
 - Budapest (May 10-13, 2022): Dohány Street Synagogue, House of Terror Museum, Shoes on the Danube Bank, Holocaust Documentation Center and Memorial Collection*Speaker:* János Palotás, the project coordinator in Hungary
3. Conversation about reviews and photos presented

Organization of the event

The presentations are based on the experiences of the workshops. For more information, please consult the project website, which we have drawn the students' attention to.

Evaluation of the event

The presentation of the results was followed by a discussion based on the contributions of the participants.



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- The contributors considered the unconventional lesson useful. The project results and the memorial sites presented gave them new perspectives for a better understanding of the dictatorships of the 20th century.
- The general opinion was that although they had learned about the events of World War II and the atrocities of fascism and Nazism, there was a lot of news at the briefing.
- The beginning of industrial genocide in Germany and the mass extermination of disabled people (Brandenburg an der Havel) were new topics for the students. The lecturer recommended the film „Werk ohne Autor / Never Look Away”.
- The operation of the Salazar regime and the events of the 1974 „Carnation Revolution” were also unknown to the students, as they had not been taught much about them in history lessons.
- They were shocked by the barbarity of the Croatian Ustasha regime in the Jasenovac death camp.
- The students knew more about the extermination of Hungarian Jews, as every year they participate in unconventional lessons on the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust in Hungary (16 April – the day when the deportation of rural Jews began in 1944).
- The House of Terror Museum presents not only the atrocities of the Arrow Cross regime, but also those of Communism, giving visitors a parallel view of the characteristics of the two 20th century dictatorships (the Arrow Cross and the Communist regime). For the students, the „dressing room” was particularly interesting, showing how the masses of Arrow Cross (Hungarian Nazis) became supporters and servants of the Communist Party, and how the Communist Party integrated them.
- Students were invited to visit the website of the Foundation of Knowledge (<https://tudasalapitvany.hu/history>) and the project website (<https://www.lag-brandenburg.de/Internationale-Projekte/From-yesterday-to-today-How-history-is-told>).
- In conclusion, the participants of the outreach event found the objectives and results of the project useful and feel that they gained new knowledge. Several of them decided to visit the Hungarian sites themselves to gain more knowledge.



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