

EUR 4.6 Million for Education on National Socialist Injustice

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Berlin – The NS Injustice Education Agenda is entering its second funding phase with nine new projects totaling EUR 4.6 million. The goals of the multi-year educational project include a living memory and awareness of National Socialist persecution, while also acting against exclusion and discrimination. Funded by the Federal Ministry of Finance, the project is developed and conducted by the EVZ Foundation.

Dr. Andrea Despot, CEO of the EVZ Foundation: "Racist attacks, antisemitic hate speech, damage to memorials and the instrumentalization of history – these are the worrying news. We are actively working to counteract misanthropy with the projects of the Education Agenda NS-Injustice, teaching skills for counter-speech and enabling people of all ages to act for democracy and against discrimination."

Culture, Digital, Europe and Transfer – Those Are Selected Projects

One of the partners is the Foundation of the European University Viadrina with a project on the restitution of property stolen by the National Socialists after 1945. The Bremen-based organization Moves, which is committed to cultural education, is developing an interactive installation on West and East German postwar memories. A new approach to the biographies of NS "euthanasia" victims is being created by the Brandenburg Memorials Foundation.

Ways of Dealing with the Past Are Increasing

The Multidimensional Remembrance Monitor (MEMO) published by the EVZ Foundation reveals that the majority of traditional educational approaches refer to memorial sites. By contrast, digital historical eyewitnesses and serious games are being used with caution – especially, but also used to a larger extent by younger people. And this is where the Education Agenda NS-Injustice and its projects with innovative technological educational work starts. However, another finding shows how necessary this is: While more than 50% of the MEMO respondents assess their knowledge regarding the time of National Socialism as rather good to very good, they, for instance, have very little facts to hand in response to specific questions about victim groups.

About the EVZ Foundation

The EVZ Foundation's mission is to keep alive the memory of the injustices of National Socialist persecution, to assume the resulting responsibility in the present, and to actively shape the future. The Foundation's central purpose when established in 2000 was to pay humanitarian compensation to former forced laborers under the National Socialist regime - a milestone in Germany's efforts to come to terms with the past. Nowadays, within the fields of activity Education and Action, the Foundation funds projects and activities that support the survivors of National Socialist persecution, international understanding and the strengthening of human rights.

Further information

- Portrait of the Education Agenda projects: www.stiftung-evz.de/en/education-agenda
- MEMO - Multidimensional Remembrance Monitor: www.stiftung-evz.de/memo

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