



## **E-FoR – Education for Remembrance**

### **Conference in (London) Derry (Northern Ireland, UK)**

**Date: September 17th, 2010**

**Venue: Everglades Hotel, (London) Derry**

The local event in Derry/Londonderry was organised in the form of a conference of multipliers and simple citizens by “The Junction – Towards Healing and Understanding”.

It united around forty guests around the topic of “Shared and Ethical Remembering”.

Participants came from nongovernmental and governmental community organisations, but also included older and young citizens who were interested in the topic of remembrance in the specific context of the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Several speakers contributed to the conference, describing methods of non-biased remembrance education and ways to encourage active citizen by teaching them about their common, if contentious past.

Mr Eamonn Baker (Towards Healing and Understanding) spoke on the topic of how individual remembering forms societal remembering and how to influence this progress. Rev. Dr. Johnston McMaster of the Irish School of Ecumenics (Education for Reconciliation Programme) presented parts of his work on shared remembrance, insisting on the ethical questions arising from the situation of conflict in Northern Ireland, but generally in all countries having experienced conflicts in the past.

Participants then got together for a group work, thinking about ways to link remembrance education with education to peace and active citizenship. The methods elaborated during the seminar in Jasenovac were discussed in these groups, whose participants attempted to integrate them into their organisational backgrounds. This encouraged everybody to rethink their approach to remembrance education, resulting in adapted methods and raised hopes concerning the importance of appropriate historical education for peace building.

Nevertheless, participants stated that it would be difficult to get Catholics and Protestants to visit courses together or just to accept the point of view of the other party. This is where the methods from Jasenovac were considered interesting.

The conference was concluded by a presentation of the possibilities to build a shared and ethical society and a short presentation of the project E-FoR.

The conference informed a large number of multipliers about the stakes and methods of remembrance education and will have a large impact on citizens in Northern Ireland.



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### **Local activity in Nardò (Italy)**

**Date: September 24th, 2010**

**Venue: Museo della Memoria e dell'Accoglienza (Nardò)**

The event took place in the Municipality of Nardò on 24 September 2010. Delegations from different parts of Puglia and several international guests visited the Welcome Memorial Museum (Museo della Memoria e dell'Accoglienza) in Nardò, Santa Maria al Bagno, Lungomare Lamarmora.



*The participants in front of the museum*

The event started with a visit at the Museum, during which Ms. Giuseppina Cacudi gave to all participants a very detailed explanation of the historical period and the local situation during that time. The museum shows pictures of the time between 1943 and 1947, when one hundred thousand refugees were given refuge at Santa Maria al Bagno, in the Displaced Persons Camp number 34. It also includes three murals drawn by a survivor of the Shoah that tell the story of the survivors, their wish to have their own land, and the importance of religion.

After the visit to the museum the group gathered in front of the old synagogue and took part in a conference moderated by the assessor of the Municipality of Brindisi for Active Citizenship and International Cooperation, Mr Massimo Ciullo. Ms Giulia Martini, from Association of Local Democracy Agencies, presented the project E-For and explained the programme of the Commission “European Active citizenship” and the Action 1.4 on Active Remembrance. This should increase the participants’ capacity of applying for funding for their own projects.

A Professor of Sociology at the University of Salento, Mr Luigi Za, explained the consequence of the arrival of so many refugees in the small village that the Municipality of Nardò was at the time.

The activity further involved a time witness: A survivor of Dachau Concentration Camp, Mr Colombo, shared his experience and memories with the participants.



*Mr Colombo (right) telling his story*

After the conference all the participants were invited to a small reception in the square of Santa Maria in the municipality of Bagnò.

This activity tested the approaches of involving original historical sites and time witnesses with great success. It further increased the participants' capacity of organising projects and showed them that past horrors had consequences for their very own community, thus creating a local link between the past and the present.

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**Local activity in Sisak/Jasenovac (Croatia)**  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**



*Participants of the event in front of the Flower Memorial in Jasenovac*

The Local Democracy Agency Sisak organised this event on 22nd of May 2010 in cooperation with Jasenovac Memorial Site. The aim was to disseminate the remembrance approach developed in Jasenovac Memorial site, involving citizens in debates on remembrance and informing them on events in Jasenovac as an instrument for breaking down the prejudices and maintaining peace.

The event was organised as a one-day excursion to the Jasenovac Memorial site, with a guided tour around the site and museum, a workshop and discussion after. There were all together 26 participants from Sisak, Petrinja and Dvor. Participants were regular citizens and members of nongovernmental organisations with no previous experience in remembrance related topics, aged from approx. 20-50 years. This visit to Jasenovac was for almost all of them the first time there, and they were very interested and excited to have chance to widen their knowledge and to discuss information they got in the memorial site.

This activity gathered different profiles of participants and gave them the opportunity to see and experience Jasenovac Memorial site in not just sight-seeing way. The workshop and discussion afterwards gave them a chance to have deeper thoughts about events that happened and the way they are seen today. In that way the event contributed to education for remembrance, human rights and solidarity - explicit goals of project.



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*Participants during the guided tour of Jasenovac*