

78th Anniversary of the liberation of prisoners from the Neuengamme concentration camp 2023

Events organized by the Foundation of Hamburg Memorials and Learning Centers
Commemorating the Victims of Nazi Crimes

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May 2, 2023

A Space to Remember, Connect and Support

2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Open Printing Workshop for Relatives

5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Public Poster Presentation

At the Space to Remember, relatives create individual posters to pay tribute to former prisoners of the Neuengamme concentration camp from all over the world. Using the printing technique that was employed in the resistance against National Socialism, relatives can print their poster motifs in the printing workshop at the Space to Remember.

Following the open workshop, relatives will tell their family stories, present their posters and put them up in memory of their family members. The speakers will be:

Riet Schuit, *daughter of a Dutch prisoner* (together with **Karin van Steeg**): Poster for her father Hendrikus Schipper

Mykola Titov, *nephew of a Ukrainian prisoner*, and **Janina Martynova**, *granddaughter of a Ukrainian prisoner*: Posters for Ivan Ilych Titov and Nikolay Averyanovich Avdeenko

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Plattenhaus (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Mahnmal")

Public event, no registration required.

Further information: <https://ort-der-verbundenheit.org/>

In cooperation with the AG Ort der Verbundenheit, the Freundeskreis der KZ-Gedenkstätte Neuengamme, the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Neuengamme (AGN) and the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN)

Events to mark the 78th anniversary of the Bombing of Prisoner Ships in the Bay of Neustadt

May 2, 2023, 3 p.m.

Reading and Panel Discussion with Children's Author Kirsten Boie

The multi-award-winning children's author **Kirsten Boie** will read from her novel "Heul doch nicht, du lebst ja noch" (Don't Cry, You're Still Alive) to students from Neustadt and others. The novel tells the story of a group of very different young people in Hamburg in June 1945. Afterwards, the author will talk to the Dutch children's author and president of the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme **Dr. Martine Letterie** about the significance of writing about the Second World War for young readers.

Venue: Market square, Am Markt, 23730 Neustadt in Holstein.

Public event, no registration required. Seating is limited and reserved for students.

Event by the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN) in cooperation with Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt in Holstein

May 2, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Panel discussion "Passing on Memories in the Family" with Neustadt Residents and Descendants of the Cap Arcona Victims

Two Neustadt residents will talk to **Bruno Neurath**, the son of a prisoner of the Neuengamme concentration camp who survived the sinking of the Cap Arcona, about how memories are passed on in families. Afterwards, audience members will have the opportunity to buy food and drinks from the volunteers for "Demokratie leben" and engage in an informal exchange with the panelists, Neustadt residents and others in attendance at the event.

Venue: Market square, Am Markt, 23730 Neustadt in Holstein

Public event, no registration required. Seating is limited.

Event by the AIN in cooperation with the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt in Holstein

May 3, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Commemorative Ceremony to Mark the 78th Anniversary of the Bombing of Prisoner Ships in the Bay of Neustadt

International commemorative event with descendants of victims of the bombings

Venue: Cap Arcona Memorial, Neustadt/Pelzerhaken, Stutthofweg

Public event, no registration required. Seating is limited.

Event by the AIN in cooperation with the Town of Neustadt/Holstein, the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt in Holstein, the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Neuengamme and the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial.

The commemorative event will start at 7:45 a.m. with conversations between students and descendants of Cap Arcona victims followed by a transfer to the Küstengymnasium high school. From there, guests will walk to the Cap Arcona Cemetery in Neustadt-Pelzerhaken.

May 3, 2023, 11 a.m./12 p.m./1 p.m.

Public Guided Tours (German/English)

Brief introduction to the history of the Neuengamme concentration camp and its satellite camps.

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, meet at the Service Point (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Ausstellung")

Participation is free of charge. No registration required.

May 3, 2023, 3.30 p.m.

Commemorative Ceremony to Mark the 78th Anniversary of the End of the War and the Liberation of Concentration Camps

International ceremony with survivors and the relatives of former prisoners of the Neuengamme concentration camp from all over the world.

The event will start with a commemorative ceremony in the former workshops of the Walther factory followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the former detention bunker (both are located near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Ausstellung")

Program:

Opening words: **Prof. Dr. Oliver von Wrochem**, *Director of the Foundation of Hamburg Memorials and Learning Centers*

Welcome: **Dr. Peter Tschentscher**, *Mayor of Hamburg*

Speech: **Barbara Piotrowska**, *daughter of a former Neuengamme prisoner and survivor of the Ravensbrück concentration camp*

Speech: **Balbina Rebollar**, *President of the Spanish Amical de Neuengamme*

Welcome: **Claudia Roth**, *Minister of State for Culture and the Media*

Musical accompaniment: **Förderverein Jugend musiziert, Samantha Wright**

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, former Walther factory workshops (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Ausstellung")

Public event, no registration required.

In cooperation with the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN)

May 3, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Reception and Dinner

Venue: H4-Hotel Hamburg-Bergedorf

By invitation only

May 4, 2023, 10 a.m.

Public Conversations with Survivors of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and Its Satellite Camps for School Classes

Seventy-eight years after their liberation from concentration camps, survivors from different countries will talk to students about their imprisonment, survival strategies and their fight against oblivion after 1945.

Natan Grossmann (Munich) and his Polish Jewish family were forced into the Lodz ghetto in 1940. His father and his mother were murdered there while his brother lost his life in Chelmno. Natan Grossmann survived Auschwitz and the Braunschweig-Vechelde satellite camp of the Neuengamme concentration camp. Following the war, he lived in Israel before moving to Munich.

Dita Kraus (Netanya/Prague) was deported with her parents to the Theresienstadt ghetto in 1942 and then to Auschwitz in late 1943. From there, she and her mother were transferred to three Neuengamme satellite camps and liberated on April 15, 1945 in Bergen-Belsen. Her mother died shortly after the liberation. Dita Kraus returned to Prague and later emigrated with her family to Israel.

Barbara Piotrowska (Warsaw) and her family were deported to the Neuengamme concentration camp in 1944 following the Warsaw Uprising. In Neuengamme, men were separated from the group. Piotrowska's father was murdered there while she and her mother were deported to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. They both survived and returned to Poland.

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Ausstellung")

For more information and to register (required!) please contact Ulrike Jensen (E-Mail: ulrike.jensen@gedenkstaetten.hamburg.de, Tel.: +49 (0)40) 428 131 519).

May 4, 2023, 2 p.m.

Inauguration of the Memorial for Spanish Resistance Fighters and Members of the International Brigades

At the initiative of the Spanish Amical de Neuengamme, a memorial, designed by Serge Castillo, a sculptor and a relative of a former prisoner, will be erected in the memorial grove in honor of "all the victims of the Spanish Civil War, 'Red Spaniards' and members of the International Brigades who heroically endured Nazi barbarism." The memorial consists of a bronze relief and a plaque with the dedication placed on a large stele built out of bricks.

Opening words: **Prof. Dr. Oliver von Wrochem**, *Director of the Foundation of Hamburger Memorials and Learning Centers*

Welcome: **Javier Dago Elorza**, *Consul General of Spain in Hamburg*

Speech: **Rita Camblor Rodríguez**, *Minister of State of the Principality of Asturias*

Welcome: **Jean-Michel Gausso**, *Vice president of the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme*

Welcome: **Barbara Brix**, *Member of the board of the Freundeskreis der KZ-Gedenkstätte Neuengamme*

Speech: **Balbina Rebollar**, *President of the Spanish Amical de Neuengamme*

Musical accompaniment: **Anna Senda-Pimentel** (Soprano), **Pablo Villafuerte** (Guitar)

The memorial is jointly funded by the Spanish Secretaría de Estado de Memoria Democrática, the Spanish Embassy in Germany, the Freundeskreis der KZ-Gedenkstätte Neuengamme, the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Northern Germany and the members of the Spanish Amical de Neuengamme.

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Memorial grove (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Mahnmal")

Public event, no registration required.

In cooperation with the Amical de Neuengamme from Spain and the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN)

May 4, 2023, 7.00 p. m.

Fighting Against Oblivion. Two Holocaust Survivors Remember and look Ahead

Livia Fränkel and **Elisabeth Masur-Kishinowski** from Stockholm share a similar fate. Both women were deported as teenagers with their Jewish families from Hungary and Czechoslovakia respectively and survived various ghettos, the Auschwitz extermination camp and several Neuengamme satellite camps for women in Hamburg before being liberated in Bergen-Belsen. Their parents did not survive. We will talk to both of them about the time of their persecution, their life after the Holocaust, how memories are passed on in their families and their fight against oblivion.

The event will be held in English only.

Moderation: **Ulrike Jensen** (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

Venue: Freie Akademie der Künste (Klosterwall 23, 20095 Hamburg)

Please register with hamburg@fes.de

In cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Hamburg

May 5, 2023, 2 p.m.

Conversation Café with Survivors of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and Its Satellite Camps

Five survivors – **Dita Kraus**, **Livia Fränkel**, **Natan Grossmann**, **Elisabeth Masur-Kishinowski** and **Barbara Piotrowska** – will travel to Hamburg from different countries to commemorate their liberation 78 years ago with their families. What have their lives been like since the liberation? What is their message to younger generations? At the conversation café, you can personally ask them these and many other questions. Young people from Hamburg prepared the project and will moderate the conversations.

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte Ausstellung")

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