

Voices of the Next Generations

Invitation to an international exchange for descendants of former prisoners at the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Haus Szczypiorski
15 to 18 September 2022

The Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum invites descendants of former prisoners of Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and its satellite camps to exchange experiences and network with other descendants.

During the exchange, personal experiences in dealing with their own family history can be shared. What impact does the Nazi persecution of parents, grandparents or great-grandparents have on life in the present? There is the possibility to get to know the Sachsenhausen memorial and to visit the archive.

We also want to discuss the present and future of remembrance and ask what special meaning it has for the descendants of younger generations. How do you want to remember and where do you see your role in the culture of remembrance?

Creative workshops encourage to tell your own stories and to think about innovative forms of commemoration at the historical site. The results can be shared with the public.

We also want to get into conversation with other active people in remembrance work about dealing with Nazi history as family history. During previous events with descendants of former prisoners, the website www.voices-of-the-next-generations.org has been created. Here, descendants share their perspectives on the memory of the victims of Sachsenhausen concentration camp. We would like to build on this together and develop the project further.

All interested descendants of former prisoners of Sachsenhausen concentration camp and its satellite camps from different countries are invited to participate. We would like to encourage younger descendants in particular to contribute their perspectives. It is not a prerequisite for participation that you have already dealt in depth with your own family history.

The meeting will take place from 15 to 18 September 2022 at the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum. Arrival is already possible on 14 September. Accommodation in double rooms and meals will be provided at the International Youth Meeting Centre Sachsenhausen Haus Szczypiorski in Oranienburg. Travel costs can be partially reimbursed.

The language of the meeting is English. As it is an international meeting with many different first languages, we try to support each other with language challenges and find language tandems if necessary.

We welcome registrations for the International Symposium for Descendants by 20 August at nextgeneration@gedenkstaette-sachsenhausen.de. Places are limited. Further coordination, information and the programme will follow after registration.