

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Multidirectional Memory: Remembering for Social Justice – [MultiMemo]
Participant:	Fundacja Zapomniane
PIC number:	PIC 890506464

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 30
Event name:	Participatory remembrance - a local community workshop Łączna
Type:	Other : event
In situ/online:	in-situ public
Location:	Poland, Łączna
Date(s):	October 19, 2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://zapomniane.org/en/actions/ https://zapomniane.org/dzialania/ https://centralt.pl/project/multimemo-pamiec-wielokierunkowa/ https://centralt.pl/en/project/multimemo-multidirectional-memory/ https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/multimemo-pl/ https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/en/multimemo/
Participants	
Female:	14
Male:	20
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Poland]:	34
From country 2 [name]:	-
From country 3 [name]:	-
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Total number of participants:	34
From total number of countries:	1

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

On October 19, 2023, in Łęczna, we conducted participatory memory workshops around the burial place of approximately 1,000 Jews from Łęczna. The educational workshop was aimed at involving and engaging school youth in the process of care for the burial site preceding the planned commemoration of the site. The workshops took place at the Municipal Public Library in Łęczna, which is located in the building of a 19th century building (so-called “small synagogue”) which before the II WW was a Jewish house of prayer and a Jewish school. The library is located next to the Great Synagogue and the commemorated burial site.

The workshop consisted of two parts. The first part was led by landscape architect Natalia Budnik, who created a concept and design of how to use plants in the vicinity of the burial site and a planned monument. She introduced her ideas and her design to the youth and they collectively planted plants in the area under her supervision. The second part was a result of our cooperation with a conservator of monuments who was also part of the project team responsible for preparing the monument in Łęczna. She prototyped the idea of making small stones out of “marble flour”. An introduction was made about the meaning of stones and placing stones on graves in Judaism and after that the youth made their own small white pebbles in specially prepared forms. The stones were prepared for the commemorative ceremony to be placed on the tombstone in accordance with Jewish tradition.

The workshop took place a few weeks before the commemorative ceremony (7.11.2023), which was attended by young people and residents of the town, clergy of three denominations, local authorities, representatives of various organizations, descendants of Jews from Łęczna and the Jewish community from Lublin. The youth could see the results of their work and place the “memory stones” next to the monument.

Various representatives of local community were involved in the workshops, including:

- young people from Primary School No. 2. in Łęczna together with teachers and the school principle,
- director and employees of the Municipal Public Library in Łęczna,
- Mayor of the Łęczna Commune and other representatives of the municipal office,
- Head of the regional authorities (starosta) and representatives of the authorities of the surrounding communes,
- local NGO - The Association of Friends of the Łęczna Region - gathering historians, regionalists, heritage professionals interested in the history and heritage of the region,
- residents of Łęczna,
- clergy.

The result of the successful cooperation with Łęczna institutions and community is the planned continuation of educational activities in Łęczna. Another workshop was held in Łęczna on November 30, 2023, during which the youth engaged in activities combining traditional woodworking, new technologies and arts to create a commemorative marker for another uncommemorated burial site in the Lublin region. We have already planned further activities in Łęczna next year.

Information about the celebrations was published in the media and on local channels:

<https://tubalecznej.pl/informacje-leczynskie/upamietnia-zydow-zamordowanych-w-lecznej/zWg32G7HPpNcQNDxLt0Q>

<https://leczna.pl/aktualnosci/sladami-historii-uroczyste-upamietnienie-ofiar-getta-1942-roku6285/>

<https://radio.lublin.pl/2023/11/leczna-odsloniecie-pomnika-upamietniajacego-ofiary-zaglady/>

<https://www.dziennikwschodni.pl/leczna/upamietnili-zydow-zamordowanych-w-lecznej,n,1000333152.html>

<https://tubalecznej.pl/informacje-leczynskie/dzis-upamietnienie-ofiar-likwidacji-leczynskiego-getta/IJWdf1NoFI7guXQQ7sGc>

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02Xr1gTZq8t45CbX4UBHGwr7J2zvUjYvJhc8726wzF5inAoMh64sqgJ8tAoYFgwr3ml&id=100071821557202&locale=pl_PL

https://www.facebook.com/urzadmiejskiwlecznej/posts/pfbid02EcX8KskKKVJPYbFR9k3UMXow4FARchEM6aUiXMQ9yO8s6P2akUKqyTpu48j5ePI?locale=pl_PL

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HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).