

## Meeting

### **Meeting to Discuss International Cooperation Between the Children and Grandchildren of the Former Prisoners of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial**

Date and time: April 30, 2017; 11.30–19.00

Location: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Center for Historical Studies, Jean-Dolidier-Weg 75, 21039 Hamburg

We are inviting the children and grandchildren of the former prisoners of the Neuengamme concentration camp to come together and exchange their ideas during a kick-off meeting which will introduce this year's forum "Future of Remembrance". The meeting is aimed at bringing together the former prisoners' relatives who are interested in building a network as well as being up-to-date with and critically evaluating the Memorial's work and its further development as a part of European culture of remembrance and politics of memory.

An important goal is to achieve an open discussion among the members of the second, third and fourth generation about their ideas concerning future forms of remembrance of historical events under the National Socialist regime, their self-image and the interest of coming generations. Another subject of the meeting should be the question of how the memory of former prisoners can be kept alive. Other goals include the establishment of an international network and a platform created for and by the children and grandchildren of former prisoners. In Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN) and other associations, the relatives already involved in the work cooperate with children and grandchildren who are engaged in the culture of remembrance in some other way or are interested in engaging in it.

The organizers of this meeting believe that former prisoners' children and grandchildren play a significant role in the shaping of the culture of remembrance. Their impact can be made even greater through a joint effort at a national and international level, which would facilitate addressing the issue of the future of remembrance, not only at the Memorial but also in public discussions.

The employees of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial see this meeting as a possibility to offer an incentive for the future work with and for the children and grandchildren of former prisoners. They are invited to follow the work of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, to support it and join forces beyond borders and individual associations. Former prisoners' children and grandchildren are extremely important for the memorial's work, they are its advocates all over the world and a driving force for its further development as a place of remembrance and intervention against every form of discrimination and inhumanity.

### **Idea, concept and organizations**

Swenja Granzow-Rauwald, granddaughter of a survivor of the satellite camps Bremen-Obernheide and Hannover-Ahlem. Since August 2015, she has run the blog "Reflections on Family History Affected by Nazi

Crimes" (<http://rfhabnc.org>), aimed in particular at the children and grandchildren of the persecuted, who want to be actively involved in shaping the culture of remembrance.

Dr. Oliver von Wrochem, Assistant Director and the Head of the Center for Historical Studies of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, advocates the idea of intensifying the cooperation among the relatives of the persecuted as well as the idea of integrating this group permanently into the work of the Memorial.

There will be a simultaneous translation into German, English and Polish.

All participants are required to register until April 20, 2017. The participation fee is 30€ (15€ reduced) and covers food expenses. In order to register, please contact:

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## **Program**

11.30	Greeting and program introduction
12.00	Getting to know each other
13.30	Lunch break
14.30	The engagement of the children and grandchildren of former prisoners in Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme
15.00	Discussion
15.30	Associations – establishment and reformation
16.00	Discussion
16.30	Work the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial has done for and with former prisoners' children and grandchildren
17.00	Discussion
17.30	Former prisoners' children and grandchildren develop their own international advocacy strategy
18.30	Closing remarks
19.00	End