



Warehouse G on Dessauer Ufer in Hamburg-Veddel, undated  
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Zuzana Beckmannová on a building site next to railway tracks in the  
Rothenburgsort-Tiefstack area of Hamburg, February or March 1945  
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Cover photograph: Prisoners of the Neuengamme concentration camp  
preparing for the demolition of a ruined building at Gerhofstraße  
in Hamburg-Neustadt, October 24, 1944.

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in wartime Hamburg 1943–1945

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The Neuengamme concentration camp network was  
the largest concentration camp in north-west Germany,  
holding over 100,000 prisoners in the main camp and  
over 85 satellite camps for men and women. Today, the  
memorial is a place of remembrance and learning that  
preserves the memory of the victims of SS terror.

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The City of Hamburg played a crucial part in the establishment of the Neuengamme concentration camp. After the heavy Allied air-raids in the summer of 1943, hundreds of concentration camp prisoners were forced to retrieve dead bodies and clear rubble in the city.

Institutions and companies asked the SS to supply them with more and more prisoners for construction of temporary housing, production of building material and weapons as well as shipyard work. From 1944, 15 Neuengamme satellite camps emerged in the city. The inhabitants of Hamburg encountered concentration camp prisoners every day in the street, on their way to work and in companies.

The aim of this exhibition is to remind visitors of the use of prisoner labor in the city, its initiators and aftereffects.



Police reservists keeping watch over concentration camp prisoners clearing rubble, ca. 1944.

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