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Applicable to the Strand 1 European Remembrance

Participation: Event 2 of the project in Italy involved 76 citizens (34 women and 41 men) plus 5 citizens from the UK, in 8 activities in the city of Reggio Emilia. A further 8200 were reached through dissemination activities. 6 million+ Charitable Trust, Huddersfield, UK, worked with partner **ISTORECO** in Reggio Emilia.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Reggio Emilia, from 7 - 11 May 2017 in the following locations:

- Activity 1: Visit to Reggio Emilia Synagogue and city memorials in the city centre
- Activity 2: Visit Gurdwara (Sikh Temple) to meet the Sikh community in Novarella
- Activity 3: Buttons art workshop with Arte Migrante group, Reggio Est Meeting Centre
- Activity 4: Presentation of UK film and stories, and sharing of testimonies, Istoreco library, Reggio Emilia
- Activity 5: Writing the Collective Poem, Istoreco library, Reggio Emilia
- Activity 6: Making small figures with messages and answering key questions, Istoreco library, Reggio Emilia
- Activity 7: Experience Loris Malaguzzi International Centre in Reggio Emilia

Short description:

The aims of the Project:

- To remember how Jewish refugees were treated across Europe during and following the Holocaust and compare that to the present day refugee crisis and Europe's response
- To look at stories of individuals within the context of the history of the Holocaust and contemporary conflicts
- To challenge ourselves to consider if we are doing enough to prevent genocide nationally and internationally.
- To encourage creative responses to these explorations from all participants
- To create a performance for Holocaust Memorial Day, highlighting the questions posed by participants and their responses expressed through image, writing, song and film.
- To share outcomes with a wider European audience

Project Partners:

- 6 million+ Charitable Trust, Huddersfield, UK**
- ISTORECO, Reggio Emilia, Italy**
- Stowarzyszenie Studnia Pamięci, Lublin, UK**
- LDA Subotica, Serbia and ECR Subotica, Serbia (associate partner)**

The day of 08/05/2017 was dedicated to visiting the synagogue on Via dell'Aquila , the Stolpersteine on Via Monzermone 8, memorials across the city and working with Arte Migrante refugee group with the buttons. These activities involved 73 citizens.

The day of 09/05/2017 was dedicated to the sharing of the UK "They Could Not Erase Us" film and presentation, hearing testimonies from migrants in Reggio Emilia, and a writing activity to create a collective poem. These activities involved a total of 15 citizens, including the UK participants

The day of 10/05/2017 was dedicated to making figures with messages, discussion and answering of 4 key questions. These activities involved a total of 17 citizens, including the UK participants

The morning of 11/5/2017 was dedicated to experiencing the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre. This activity involved 6 citizens.

A total of 76 citizens participated in the project, some attending all sessions and many attending more than one activity.

Seven activities were delivered in Reggio Emilia for Event 2

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Activities 1 - 3

Participation: The activities involved 73 citizens, including 68 from Reggio Emilia and 5 participants from the city of Huddersfield, UK

Location/ Dates: The activities took place in Reggio Emilia and Novarella on 8th May 2017

Short description: The aims of the activities were to visit places of historical interest in the context of the Holocaust and to work with the Arte Migrante group on a creative activity using buttons.

Activities 4 – 5

Participation: The activities involved 15 citizens, including 10 from Reggio Emilia and 5 from UK

Location/ Dates: The activities took place in Reggio Emilia on 9th May, 2017

Short description: The aims of the activities were to present the UK film about the Holocaust Memorial Day event in the UK, share testimonies and stories from survivors in the UK and Italy, and the writing of a collective poem based on the shared testimonies and discussions using creative writing techniques.

Activity 6

Participation: The activities involved 18 citizens, including 13 participants from the city of Reggio Emilia, Italy and 5 participants from the city of Huddersfield, UK

Location/ Dates: The activity took place in Reggio Emilia on 10th May, 2017

Short description: The aim of the activity was to engage in a creative activity to make small figures of those whose stories were shared and the messages they carried, and to write and to address 4 key questions:

1. Why is it important to remember past events?
2. What responsibility do we carry to guard against genocide?
3. How can we effect change locally, nationally and internationally?
4. What power do the arts have to express remembrance and communicate important messages?

Activity 7

Participation: The activity involved 6 citizens, 3 from Reggio Emilia and 3 from Huddersfield, UK

Location/ Dates: The activity took place at Loris Malaguzzi International Centre on 11th May

Short description: The aim of the activity was to experience the Reggio Emilia approach to education at the international centre and how it is connected to the spirit of cooperation and independence in the city.

Total Attendance Italy

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| Under 30: | 51 |
| 30 – 65: | 20 |
| 65+: | 5 |
| TOTAL: | 76 (35 women, 41 men) |