

## The project «Every Button Counts »was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

### Applicable to the Strand 1 – European Remembrance

**Participation:** Event 1 of the project in Poland involved 35 citizens (21 women and 14 men) plus 6 citizens from the UK, in 8 activities in the city of Lublin. A further 800 were reached through indirect contact and dissemination activities. 6 million+ Charitable Trust, Huddersfield, UK, worked with **Stowarzyszenie Studnia Pamięci** (The Well of Memory Association), recommended by The Municipality of Lublin

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Lublin, Poland , from 7th - 11th March 2017 in the following locations:

- Activity 1: Visit to Majdanek Concentration Camp, Lublin and visit to Grodzka Gate - NN Theatre, Lublin
- Activity 2: First activity with buttons, Arts Centre, Cultural Centre, Lublin
- Activity 3: Presentation of film and stories from UK team, Cultural Centre cinema, Lublin
- Activity 4: Sharing of testimonies, Cultural Centre, Lublin
- Activity 5: Making of small figures, Cultural Centre, Lublin
- Activity 6: Collective Poem and answering of 4 key questions, Cultural Centre, Lublin
- Activity 7: Presentation of UK film and discussion with students at Vincent Pol University

#### Short description:

The aims of the activities in Lublin were to:

- 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 in four countries 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

Partners:

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

The day of 08/03/2017 was dedicated to visiting Majdanek Concentration Camp, visiting Grodzka Gate-NN Theatre and delivering the activity with buttons, followed by discussion. These activities involved a total of 16 citizens.

The day of 09/03/2017 was dedicated to the sharing of the UK "They Could Not Erase Us" film and presentation, hearing testimonies from migrants in Lublin, and an arts activity of making small figures with messages. These activities involved a total of 22 citizens

The day of 10/03/2017 was dedicated to writing a Collective Poem together, discussion and answering of 4 key questions. These activities involved a total of 18 citizens

The morning of 11/03/2017 was dedicated to presenting the UK "They Could not Erase Us" film to students at Vincent Pol University, Lublin, followed by a discussion. This activity involved 15 citizens.

**A total of 35 citizens participated in the project, some attending all sessions and many attending more than one activity.**

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### Seven activities were delivered in Lublin for Event 1

#### Activities 1 and 2

**Participation:** The activities involved 16 citizens, including 11 participants from the city of Lublin, Poland and 5 participants from the city of Huddersfield, UK

**Location/ Dates:** The activities took place at Majdanek, Grodza Gate and the Cultural Centre, Lublin on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Short description:** The aims of the activities were to visit places of historical interest in the context of the Holocaust and to introduce Polish participants to the work of 6 million+ with a creative activity using buttons.

#### Activities 3 – 5

**Participation:** The activities involved 22 citizens, including 17 participants from the city of Lublin, Poland and 5 participants from the city of Huddersfield, UK

**Location/ Dates:** The activities took place in the Cultural Centre, Lublin on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 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 Poland, and engage in a creative activity to make small figures of those whose stories were shared and the messages they carried.

#### Activity 6

**Participation:** The activities involved 18 citizens, including 13 participants from the city of Lublin, Poland and 5 participants from the city of Huddersfield, UK

**Location/ Dates:** The activity took place in Lublin on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Short description:** The aim of the activity was to write a collective poem based on the shared testimonies and discussions using creative writing techniques 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 15 citizens, including 13 participants from the city of Lublin, Poland and 2 participants from the city of Huddersfield, UK

**Location/ Dates:** The activity took place at Vincent Pol University, Lublin on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Short description:** The aim of the activity was to present the UK film about the Holocaust Memorial Day event in the UK to students of English, and engage them in discussion about the value and contemporary relevance of remembrance events.

#### Total Attendance Poland

Under 30:	15
30 – 65:	17
65+:	3
TOTAL:	35 (21 women, 14 men)