

EVENT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[Negotiating Difficult Pasts] – [NeDiPa]
Participant:	[Fundacja Zapomniane] ([Zapomniane])
PIC number:	PIC 890506464,

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 7
Event name:	Commemoration Trzciano Nowe
Type:	Other : event
In situ/online:	in-situ public
Location:	Poland Nowe Trzciano
Date(s):	Jun 8, 2022
Website(s) (if any):	https://zapomniane.org/en/we-do/ http://www.festivalt.com/negotiating-difficult-pasts-2/ https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/en/nedipa-2/
Participants	
Female:	26
Male:	41
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Poland]:	67
From country 2 [name]:	-
From country 3 [name]:	-
...	-
Total number of participants:	67
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
The project of commemoration in Nowe Trzciano consisted of the following stages:	

1. Meetings with local authorities and representatives of local organizations and local Forest Inspectorate (who is the land owner).
2. Educational workshops for young people from the local school in Szudziało.
3. Obtaining consents for the erection of a commemorative monument (tombstone and historical information board).
4. Construction and placement of the tombstone and plaque, preparatory works at the site.
5. Organization of the commemorative ceremony.
6. A commemorative ceremony.

Noteworthy is the extremely good cooperation with local stakeholders, local authorities, Forest Inspectorate, the local community and the local school. The commemorative ceremony was held on June 8, 2022. Together with the local community and other stakeholders - through the monument and the ceremony - we commemorated seven Jewish escapees from the Białystok ghetto, seven men about 30 years old and a woman about 20 years old, murdered in the second half of 1942.

The commemorative ceremony is the result of great cooperation with the Szudziałowo Commune, Supraśl Forest Inspectorate and the Primary School in Szudziałowo. The ceremony was attended by the local authorities of Szudziałowo and neighboring communes, representatives and clergy of three religions (Jews, Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox) as well as young people from the Primary School in Szudziałowo and Sports Primary School in Supraśl, representatives of Jewish organizations, including the Jewish Religious Community in Warsaw, and - what is very important to us - the inhabitants of Szudziałowo and the surrounding area.

The ceremony was organized in an inclusive manner, combining various religious and secular elements, including religious rituals by members of three religions historically present in the region (with Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox still present there) as well as speeches by community leaders (including local community leaders as well as leaders of Jewish organizations operating on a national level). There was also space for involvement of youth, including elements of their creative engagement (a student from a local school sang a song).

An important preparatory element of the commemorative process were educational workshops that we conducted for youth of two school classes of the local primary school. During the workshop we went to the forest, where there are burial sites. According to our experience, such engaging workshops are the most important element of restoring memory. The young people were present at the commemoration ceremony. After the ceremony, everyone went to the nearby hotel Lipowy Most, where refreshments were served. It was also an opportunity for talks between the participants of the event, including various stakeholders.

The photographic documentation of the project is available at:

<https://zapomniane.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Dokumentacja-upami%C4%99tnienia-w-Nowy-Trzcianie.p>

Promotion and dissemination

Information about the event was published on the organizations' website & FB channels:

<https://zapomniane.org/en/we-do/>

<https://zapomniane.org/dzialamy/>

<http://www.festivalt.com/negotiating-difficult-pasts/>

<http://www.festivalt.com/negotiating-difficult-pasts-2/>

<https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/nedipa/>

<https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/en/nedipa-2/>

Polish television and radio Białystok were present at the ceremony. Links to reports:

<https://bialystok.tvp.pl/60652387/pomnik-ku-czci-ofiar-zaglady>

<https://www.radio.bialystok.pl/wiadomosci/index/id/214881>

The deliverable was achieved as planned.