

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

| PROJECT | |
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| Project name and acronym: | Multidirectional Memory: Remembering for Social Justice – [MultiMemo] |
| Participant: | Fundacja Zapomniane |
| PIC number: | PIC 890506464 |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION | | | |
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| Event number: | WP 38 | | |
| Event name: | Participatory remembrance - a local community workshop (Olszewnica Nowa) | | |
| Type: | Event | | |
| In situ/online: | in-situ public | | |
| Location: | Poland, Olszewnica Nowa | | |
| Date(s): | June 3, 2024 | | |
| Website(s) (if any): | https://multimemo.difficultheritage.eu/event | | |
| Participants | | | |
| Female: | 20 | | |
| Male: | 14 | | |
| Non-binary: | 0 | | |
| From country (Poland) | 34 | | |
| Total number of participants: | 34 | From total number of countries: | 1 |
| Description | | | |
| <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i> | | | |
| <p>The next Participatory Memory event as part of a series of workshops for the local community took place on June 3 at the Primary School in Janówek Pierwszy. The aim of the workshops was to restore the memory of the burial place of 120 Roma and Jews buried in the forest in Olszewnica Nowa, who were murdered by the German gendarmerie on August 15, 1942.</p> | | | |

Youth from two grades of primary school took part in the workshops. Together, we renovated two wooden markers in the form of tombstones, and then, using a portable laser-cut device, we engraved inscriptions and symbols on the tombstones. One marker dedicated to Roma victims with the inscription "Here lie the Roma murdered during the Holocaust", and the other to Jewish victims with the inscription: "Here rest Jews of blessed memory murdered during the Holocaust." We consulted the symbols and inscriptions on the Roma markers with Monika Szewczyk, a representative and researcher of the Roma community, who works for the development and preservation of Roma culture and tradition, and is the author of articles and publications related to Roma issues. She is also an activist of the Jaw Dikh Foundation, whose aim is to initiate and support educational, creative, scientific and educational activities of the Roma community.

Monika Szewczuk co-led workshops for young people. Thanks to the fact that the workshop was conducted by representatives of the Roma and Jewish communities, young people could learn about the customs and symbols of both cultures.

During the co-creative part, together with the youth, we symbolically marked the burial place of Roma and Jewish women, children and men buried in the forest in Olszewnica Nowa.

The event was created thanks to cooperation with a local memory activist, historian and teacher Artur Sierawski, who restores the memory of Jewish history, places and people of the region.

The event was preceded by field and archival research.

Information about the commemoration was published on the FB channels:

[LINK](#)

[LINK 2](#)

The deliverable was achieved as planned.

| HISTORY OF CHANGES | | |
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| VERSION | PUBLICATION DATE | CHANGE |
| 1.0 | 01.04.2022 | Initial version (new MFF). |
| 2.0 | 29.05.2024 | Change of delivery date from month 17 (May) to month 18 (June). |