

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Negotiating Difficult Pasts - Public Event - WROCLAW
Participant:	Fundacja Urban Memory - UMF
PIC number:	890263576

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP16
Event name:	Raising awareness through arts - Series of events accompanying Action Daffodils (akcja Żonkile) in Wrocław commemorating the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising
Type:	Public event
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Poland, Wrocław
Date(s):	13.04.2023, 14.04.2023, 16.04.2023, 19.04.2023, 20.04.2023
Website(s) (if any):	<p>UMF, NeDiPa &amp; partners:</p> <p><a href="https://nedipa.eu/en/event/series-daffodils/">https://nedipa.eu/en/event/series-daffodils/</a></p> <p><a href="https://nedipa.eu/event/cykl-wydarzen-towarzyszacych-akcji-zonkile-we-wroclawiu/">https://nedipa.eu/event/cykl-wydarzen-towarzyszacych-akcji-zonkile-we-wroclawiu/</a></p> <p><a href="https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/akcja-zonkile/">https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/akcja-zonkile/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1243698162938023/?ref=newsfeed">https://www.facebook.com/events/1243698162938023/?ref=newsfeed</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/8963479667057781/?ref=newsfeed">https://www.facebook.com/events/8963479667057781/?ref=newsfeed</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02MP2FPaWtxc8fTkt3nu5oA2NRhe2sgv6JdM7DvXJWRshk7rVw73a3VaPEuoTey8bl&amp;id=100064315801600">https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02MP2FPaWtxc8fTkt3nu5oA2NRhe2sgv6JdM7DvXJWRshk7rVw73a3VaPEuoTey8bl&amp;id=100064315801600</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/189377553866025?ref=newsfeed">https://www.facebook.com/events/189377553866025?ref=newsfeed</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/ArchiwumPanstwoweWeWroclawiu/posts/pfbid0njRnwXAdxn6G8NJAGYwCM3o87pHFg9RPAWBzDvZqBZo3aW1jYoEpWV4PCrUzYYijl">https://www.facebook.com/ArchiwumPanstwoweWeWroclawiu/posts/pfbid0njRnwXAdxn6G8NJAGYwCM3o87pHFg9RPAWBzDvZqBZo3aW1jYoEpWV4PCrUzYYijl</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ap.wroc.pl/aktualnosci/pamietamy-o-osiemdziesiatej-rocznicy-powstania-w-getcie-warszawskim?fbclid=IwAR0NoUKK4csVm2sX4xBSu-RNRWyzTHASPKyPBZKTU_piOfoHOouKXhgdhoc">https://www.ap.wroc.pl/aktualnosci/pamietamy-o-osiemdziesiatej-rocznicy-powstania-w-getcie-warszawskim?fbclid=IwAR0NoUKK4csVm2sX4xBSu-RNRWyzTHASPKyPBZKTU_piOfoHOouKXhgdhoc</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.polin.pl/pl/akcja-zonkile-2023-relacje-z-wydarzen">https://www.polin.pl/pl/akcja-zonkile-2023-relacje-z-wydarzen</a></p> <p>Photo-report &amp; summary of activities:</p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/UrbanMemoryFoundation/posts/pfbid09ZAvfTmairz9k5j1b3cuURCpSPG13WwuE7YFjyxs5myAGvvLqFvp8LcD8WrxgRpBl">https://www.facebook.com/UrbanMemoryFoundation/posts/pfbid09ZAvfTmairz9k5j1b3cuURCpSPG13WwuE7YFjyxs5myAGvvLqFvp8LcD8WrxgRpBl</a></p>
<b>Participants</b>	
Female:	95
Male:	51
Non-binary:	2

From country 1 [Czechia]:	1				
From country 2 [Poland]:	147				
Total number of participants:	148		From total number of countries:		2
<b>Description</b>					
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>					
<p>UMF organised a series of 5 NeDiPa events accompanying the Daffodil Action (Akcja Żonkile) open to the general public in Wrocław and Lower Silesia, especially youth and aimed at raising awareness through lectures, volunteering and arts about the history and fate of fighters and civilians of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The series was part of a wider national-wide scale educational campaign organised by the Museum of the History of Polish Jews - POLIN commemorating 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. UMF was a local partner of POLIN Museum; we invited other civic society organisations and together we prepared educational and participatory program for a diverse group of audiences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting with students of the Wrocław Medical University, 13.04.2023. The meeting was organised at the Faculty of Humanistic Medical Sciences by Dr Agata Strządała, specialising in medical and research ethics, bioethics as well as in history of culture and science. The topic of the conversation tied to the NeDiPa series was “Ethical dimension of medical experiments on human subjects during WWII”.</li> <li>“Stories from the Warsaw ghetto in biographical context” (Historie z getta warszawskiego w perspektywie biograficznej), 14.04.2023. Venue, Barbara. Programme: Part 1: Genealogical search of descendants (“Poszukiwania genealogiczne potomków”) - a meeting with Ula Rybicka (Żydotka) moderated by Marta Maćkowiak. The speakers presented less known stories of ghetto survivors, the way they dealt with the heavy emotional baggage they carried and where to find their testimonies. Part 2: Unfinished lives - the art and biographies that connect us (“Nieukończone życia – sztuka i biografie, które nas łączą”) - a meeting with Bente Kahan and Katarzyna Taczyńska moderated by Kamilla Biskupska. This part was focused on the presentation of an artistic project - an exhibition organised by Bente Kahan Foundation and exhibited in the synagogue.</li> <li>“History, experience, memory - Holocaust in Warsaw and Breslau / Wrocław” (Historia, doświadczenie, pamięć - Zagłada Żydów w Warszawie i Breslau / Wrocławiu), 16.04.2023. Venue, Barbara. Programme: Part 1: lecture titled Jewish memory, Polish memory, common memory? How after the WWII memory about Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was created (“Pamięć żydowska, pamięć polska, pamięć wspólna? Jak po drugiej wojnie światowej kreowano pamięć o powstaniu w getcie warszawskim”) by Tamara Włodarczyk. The first lecture presented the ways the Jewish survivors, Polish government and other organisations across the world commemorated the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The speaker underlined the context of each commemoration leaving the participants with understanding of the motives of each of the players. Part 2: lecture titled Was there a ghetto in Breslau? Persecution of German Jews in ‘30s and ‘40s of XX century (“Czy w Breslau (dziś Wrocław) było getto? Prześladowanie niemieckich Żydów w latach 30. i 40. XX wieku.”) by Monika Piechota. The second lecture was focused on the situation of German Jews before WWII as documented firsthand by the author of memoirs, W. Cohn.</li> <li>Drawing “Daffodil meadow” in from of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising monument in Wrocław. 19.04.2023 The initiative was organised together with an activist Agata Ganiebna for pupils from the former Szalom Alejchem Jewish primary school. The former pupils successfully encouraged passersby to join them in their effort of drawing yellow daffodils on the pavement with chalk. The effect was a chalk drawn daffodil covering much of the pavement in front of the monument that remained in the public space until the first week of May.</li> </ol>					

On that day, POLIN & UMF volunteers were commemorating the uprising anniversary by handing the passersby the paper daffodils - the symbol of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The event was part of the whole year commemoration effort organised by POLIN Museum in Warsaw, UMF was responsible for coordination (including logistics and volunteer recruitment) in Wrocław. The handling of daffodils was performed by a group of 31 volunteers.

- 5) Informative meeting with students from High School no XV in Wrocław at State Archives in Wrocław, 20.04.2023

The students listened to a lecture by Monika Piechota about persecution of Jewish community in Breslau during the interwar period. They then took part in an online meeting with Tamar Cohn Gazit - the granddaughter of historian Willy Cohn - who presented the topic. The students also had the first chance to learn about the work in the Archive, the ongoing digitization process and the importance of archives for researchers, genealogists and descendants. The whole programme gave the students a comprehensive picture about the challenges of work of an archivist and a historian.

All the events were aimed at raising awareness about commemoration approaches of Jewish heritage in Poland in the past and possible ways of commemoration in the future. The overall experience of participatory approach to the commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising anniversary that was visible on the streets of Wrocław (and other cities in Poland) enabled a more direct connection with the memory of the past and its relevance for human and civic rights in contemporary Poland and Europe. The events gathered participants from target groups, among others:

- high school students from a local high school
- students of Medical University
- pupils from primary school
- researchers
- representatives of local Jewish community
- local artists
- local activists
- journalists and others.

The events were organised in cooperation with the following organisations: POLIN Museum, Wrocław Medical University, State Archives in Wrocław, Bente Kahan Foundation, Wrocław Council for Equal Treatment, Zapomniane Foundation, FestivALT Association, Żydoteka Foundation, OP ENHEIM, and Polish Memory Studies Group.