



# UNIMAGINABLE

## HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION EVENT

Auschwitz-Kraków

27-28 January 2015



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## Holocaust Remembrance Event 26-28 January 2015 - Krakow-Auschwitz

### Programme

#### Monday 26 January

##### *Arrival of participants*

- 14.00            **Visit to the Schindler Factory Museum (optional)**  
  
Interested participants meet in the hotel lobby at **13.45**  
Visit arranged by the host organisations
- 19.00            *Dinner (Galaxy Hotel)*

#### Tuesday 27 January: Holocaust Commemoration in Auschwitz-Birkenau

- 08.30            **Departure for the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial**  
  
All participants meet in the hotel lobby at **8.15 as the coaches will leave sharp at 8.30**
- 10.00-13.00    **Visit of the main exhibition in the Auschwitz Museum**
- 13.15-15.00    *Lunch in Oświęcim (Auschwitz)*
- 15.30-16.30    **70th anniversary of liberation of the Nazi German concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau**  
  
Honourable patronage of the event: *Bronisław Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland*  
  
**Main commemoration in front of the 'Gate of Death' in Birkenau**
- 17.00-18.00    **Tribute to the victims of the Holocaust at the Birkenau Memorial**
- 19.30            *Arrival at the Galaxy Hotel, Krakow*
- 20.00            *Dinner (Galaxy Hotel)*  
  
**Welcome, Susan Hopgood, EI President**

#### Wednesday 28 January: Conference on Holocaust Remembrance

- 08.30-9.00     **Registration of participants**
- 09.00-9.30     **Conference Opening**  
  
**Welcome, Fred van Leeuwen, EI General Secretary**  
**Opening speech, Ms. Ewa Dudek, Undersecretary of State of Poland**
- 09.30-9.50     **Introduction – Our memories, our reflections**  
  
**Presentation of a joint project, by representatives of GEW, GÖD, ITU,**



*NSZZ-Solidarność, VBE, ZNP*

**The letter**, by *Zipi Dvir, Israel Teachers Union (ITU)*

09.50-10.45 **Keynote speech**, "Auschwitz in Our Future" by *Timothy Snyder, Yale University, USA*

**Discussion**

10.45-11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15-12.30 **Panel discussion: Teaching about the Holocaust after 70 years – Experiences from classrooms and good practices**

Moderated by *Marzanna Pogorzelska, Teacher awarded the Irena Sendler Prize*

Panellists: *Kerstin Ruthenschröer, Verband Bildung und Erziehung (VBE), Germany*

*Maria Rönn, Lärarförbunde, Sweden*

*Katharina Kaminski, Gewerkschaft Erziehung und Wissenschaft (GEW), Germany*

*Adam Musiał, Społeczne Gimnazjum Nr 7 Kraków, Poland*

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-16.00 **Panel discussion: Learning from the experience of the Holocaust after 70 years: Different roles, different perspectives and different consequences?**

Moderated by *Roland Feicht, Head of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES), Poland office*

Panellists: *Dietmar Nietan, Member of the German Bundestag (SPD), Chairman of the International Youth Meeting Center in Oświęcim/Auschwitz*

*Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers (AFT)*

*Andrzej Kacorzyk, Director of the International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust*

*Avraham Rocheli, Israel Teachers Union (ITU)*

16.00-16.30 **Closing Remarks**

by *Sławomir Broniarz, EI Executive Board Member, President of ZNP, Poland*

16.30 **Conference Adjourns**

## Thursday 29 January – Optional visits

Morning

**Guided visit of Jewish Krakow**

Participants can take part in this visit at their own cost



### Additional information on the commemoration in Auschwitz



The honourable guests of the Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz will be former prisoners of the camp and Holocaust Survivors. The main part of the anniversary will take place in front of the Death Gate of the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp. Only invited guests will be able to attend the ceremony.

A special area in the BI sector of the former camp will be prepared for those who want to take part in the ceremony. In this area it will be possible to watch the event on a large screen.

The event will also be broadcasted live online.

All participants will go through a security check. You will not be able to take any bags or other items into Auschwitz. There will be a secure luggage deposit where you can leave any items.

Many events related to the anniversary of liberation will take place around the world. All people who are interested in participation can use the "[Map of World Remembrance](#)" to find the nearest event.