

Call for Applications

International Student Exchange: "Spaces of Holocaust. Majdanek, Bełżec, Sobibór"

23.03 - 28.03.2025

Lublin and Lublin region, Poland

Hosted by: The State Museum at Majdanek and its branches, Museum and Memorial in Sobibór, Museum and Memorial in Bełżec

The **State Museum at Majdanek**, in collaboration with the **Topography of Terror Documentation Centre** in Berlin and the **Camp Westerbork Memorial Center** in Hooghalen, is excited to announce an **international student exchange** titled:

"Spaces of Holocaust. Majdanek - Bełżec - Sobibór".

This exchange program offers a unique opportunity for students from **Germany, the Netherlands, and Poland** to engage in a meaningful exploration of Holocaust history and its lasting impact. Participants will visit historical sites, reflect on their significance, and engage in cross-cultural dialogue to deepen their understanding of Holocaust education and memorial landscapes.

Program Highlights:

- **Explore Historical Sites:** Visit key Holocaust sites connected to **Operation Reinhardt**, including the Majdanek, Bełżec, and Sobibór camps.
- **Gain Knowledge:** Learn about the history of these concentration and death camps, and the victims who perished there.
- **International Exchange:** Share perspectives and experiences with fellow students from Germany, the Netherlands, and Poland.
- **Interactive Learning:** Participate in discussions, workshops, and activities focused on Holocaust education and contemporary memory practices.
- **Cultural Openness:** Develop an understanding of how different cultures remember and memorialize the Holocaust.
- **Build Connections:** Create lasting bonds with students from different countries and contribute to an international network of future educators and advocates of Holocaust remembrance.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Who Can Apply:** The exchange program is aimed at students **aged 16** and over. **7 motivated students from one school** can apply, in need of **one teacher** to escort the group.
- **Education:** Applicants must be high school students who have a strong interest in history, Holocaust education, or human rights.
- **Language:** The exchange will be conducted in **English**. Students must have a sufficient command of English to participate in discussions and activities.

Program Details:

- **Dates:** 23.03 - 28.03.2025
- **Location:** Lublin and Lublin region, Poland, with visits to Majdanek, Bełżec, and Sobibór.
- **Costs Covered:** Travel expenses, accommodation, and meals will be fully provided by the organizing institutions.

Why Apply?

By participating in this exchange, you will have the chance to expand your historical knowledge, connect with peers from different cultures, and engage with the profound historical narratives that shape our understanding of the Holocaust today. This program encourages critical thinking, empathy, and reflection—skills that are essential for shaping responsible and informed citizens of the future.

How to Apply:

To apply, submit the **application form** explaining your interest in the program and any relevant experience by **December 20, 2024**. Please inform your teacher and school mates they will have to fill out the application form as well and send it to bildung@topographie.de

For further details please contact bildung@topographie.de.



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Name and Surname:
Address:
E-mail address:
School/Institution: <i>(Name, address)</i>
Class/Course: <i>(Please name the teacher who will accompany you.)</i>
Please describe the relevance of learning about the Holocaust and how you have experienced these lessons in your school. <i>(max. 150 words)</i>

What motivates you to apply for this program?

Please explain why you are interested in participating in the "Spaces of Holocaust" exchange and how you believe it will benefit you (max. 150 words).

What are your expectations for this programme? (max. 150 words)

How did you learn about this project?

Have you previously visited any of the following memorial sites: Majdanek, Belzec, or Sobibór?

If yes, please briefly describe your visit(s) and any key takeaways or reflections you gained from the experience.