

'KRISTALLNACHT' POGROM COMMEMORATION

campaign report 2012

NEVER AGAIN



RESPONSIBILITY IT'S IN YOUR HANDS

On the morning after the "Kristallnacht" pogrom in 1938, local residents watch as the synagogue of Ober Ramstadt is destroyed by fire. The local fire department prevented the fire from spreading to a nearby home, but did not try to limit the damage to the synagogue.

UNITED

racism
fascism
nationalism

9 NOVEMBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST FASCISM & ANTISEMITISM



Awareness-raising with an info stand was part of the campaign in Lithuania. Free legal advice was also provided to interested passers-by.



How do you picture a tree of freedom? Omladinska Svitac organised a game and movie screening for different age groups in Bosnia Herzegovina.

Erinnerung an jüdisches Leben

Akubiz eröffnete Ausstellung in der Kulturkiste in Pirna



History is all around us. AKuBiz organised an exhibition and made a city map to commemorate Jewish history in the city of Pirna in Germany.

LITHUANIA

Come, Ask, and Join us!

This year the *European Foundation for Human Rights* joined UNITED's campaign and stood on the frontline by commemorating the "Kristallnacht" pogrom and informing the people of Vilnius about it. The *Foundation* built a stand in Vilnius city centre and was received with great popularity by the citizens. Passers-by, though in a hurry, found a few moments to stop, ask, and find out more about the commemorated day. The ones who were more interested eagerly took the *Council of Europe's* Education Pack "Rights and Freedoms in Practice". The Lithuanian edition was produced by *the Foundation*, which lavishly illustrates the "European Convention for Human Rights" and excellently depicts the function of the *European Court of Human Rights*. The stand gained a lot of interest from tourists as well, as they were pleasantly surprised to find that they could receive information in their mother tongues (the education packs are also available in English, Polish and Russian).

All interested passers-by were happy to be able to receive free legal advice given by the *Foundation's* lawyers and even made appointments at the *Foundation*.

With such an easy to organise activity, the *Foundation* has managed to reach out to many people and engage them not only on the UNITED campaign, but also in their own activities.

GERMANY

Like Footprints in the Sand

"You hold in your hands a city map that indicates where and how Jewish people in the old city of Pirna used to live and work. In the city, you will find only one memorial that commemorates the Jewish life. This map wants to show you the diversity of Jewish life in Pirna, making it visible and remembered. In the times of fascist Germany, Jews were arrested, expelled, their businesses destroyed and dispossessed. In Pirna you will not find a synagogue, mikvah or a community centre. Jewish people had to go to Dresden to practice their beliefs [...]"

This is the introduction text of the city map that was created by the *Youth Initiative Pirna* and *Akubiz*. With the help of various institutions and local historians they found a way to remember Jewish families and tell their stories. On the map, the houses are marked with a green colour, while the backside includes a leaflet with short descriptions of the history of the families. This map gives the possibility to the people in Pirna to explore on their own the history of Jewish life in their city.

To not leave this map alone, this project included an exhibition about the history of Pirna during the Second World War. The 10 boards contained information about antisemitism in Pirna, how the November pogrom took place in the city, how Jewish people were first expelled and later deported to concentration camps or Ghettos. With this project, the citizens of Pirna could uncover the untold stories of the past.

Through commemoration, but also emotional engagement, they could position themselves inside history and understand the importance of resistance.

GOOD PRACTICE

List of activities

Sillamäe & 9.11.12 "Jewish Resistance Through Times" Radio lecture in Estonia, organised by Sillamäe Society for Child Welfare. 9.11.12 "ResponsAbility" Meeting, discussion & movie in Tallinn, organised by Youth Union SiIN. • **FINLAND** > Nov "Day Against Fascism & Antisemitism" Radio Feature in Turku, organised by Radio Robin Hood. 9.11.12 "Arts & Diversity" Concert & performances in Vasaa, organised by Mira International Culture Society. 9.11.12 "Kristallnacht" Multicultural street event in Vantaa, organised by Rasismivapaa Vantaa. • **FRANCE** > 9.11.12 "Victimes de la Gestapo" Commemoration in Reims, organised by Collectif de Lutte Antifasciste. • **GEORGIA** > 21-22.10.12 "Art Against Discrimination" Graffiti workshop with internally displaced children in Tbilisi & 9.11.12 "Collectively Against Racism - Make Your Stand" Football tournament in Tbilisi, organised by Youth Association DRONI. 9.11.12 "Stereotypes Can be Cured" Training in Tbilisi, organised by Union of Kurdish Youth of Georgia. 9.11.12 "History & Memory" Round table & street action in Tbilisi, organised by Jewish Georgian Info Center & International Foundation. 9.11.12 "Day Against Fascism & Antisemitism" Exhibition in Tbilisi, organised by International Union ERTOBA. • **GERMANY** > Nov 12 "Actionweek Against Antisemitism" Annual nationwide action week with many activities all over Germany, coordinated by Antonio-Amadeus-Stiftung. Oct-Dec "Jewish Life in Pirna" Exhibition in Pirna & "Wodka is Always Kosher" Lecture in Pirna, organised by AKuBiz. 14.10.12 "Second Generation in United Kingdom" Event with children of nazi survivors in Berlin & 21.10.12 "I Had Four Mothers, Three Fathers" Conversation with eye witness in Berlin & 28.10.12 "Escape from Sobibor" Movie &