

iWalk Schindler's Ark – hybrid place based and digital learning

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	13
Event name:	iWalk Schindler's Ark – hybrid place based and digital history activity
Type:	School based workshops on development and use of iWalk for Schindler's Ark
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Brnenec, Czech Republic additional school outreach in Hungary and Switzerland
Date(s):	1-3 rd November, 2023 continuing in November and with pilot visit to the site in June 2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://arksfoundation.net/events https://arksfoundation.net/events/iwalk-digital-history-activity
Participants	
Female:	140
Male:	146
Non-binary:	2
From country 1 Czechia:	64
From country 2 Hungary:	48
From country 3 France:	5
From country 4 Italy	2

From country 5 Switzerland	167		
From country 6: Austria	2		
Total number of participants:	288	From total number of countries:	6

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

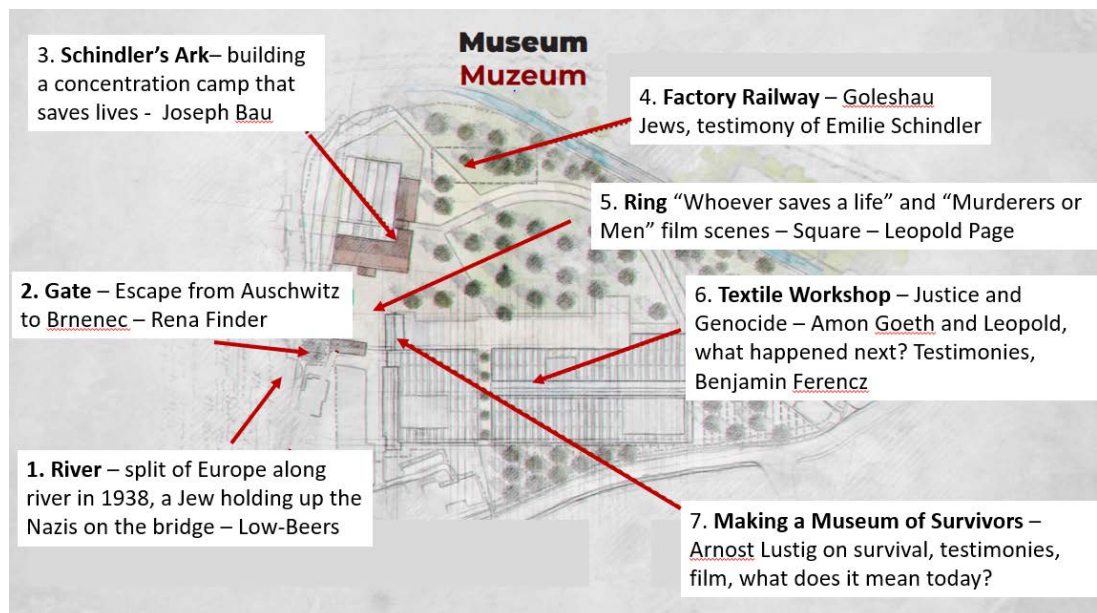
The activity combined hybrid placed based and digital learning developing piloting the iWalk of Schindler's Ark. It is based on testimonies of 7 places on the site which allows visitors and students to visit the site and see the testimonies from survivors into the future.

The original and existing testimonies were edited, prepared and geo-coded for each place in Schindler's Ark with a learning activity. This was then implemented in an app which allows people to access material at the place where the events occurred. The activity was implemented on the site and in classrooms with school outreach to get co-design inputs.

The list of activities completed were 1. Filming of new content for the activity including testimonies for Schindler's Ark, with digitisation of GPS coordinates of each testimony and event 2. Design of learning materials adapted to the audience by age, sex and country 3. Implementation of the activity on-site and in schools.

The iWalk of Schindler's Ark was based on testimonies of 7 places on the site and was translated into English, Czech, German and Hungarian so that school outreach activities can be completed in these countries, as well as completed on-site in Brnec, Czech Republic.

The seven events covered in the activity are shown below :



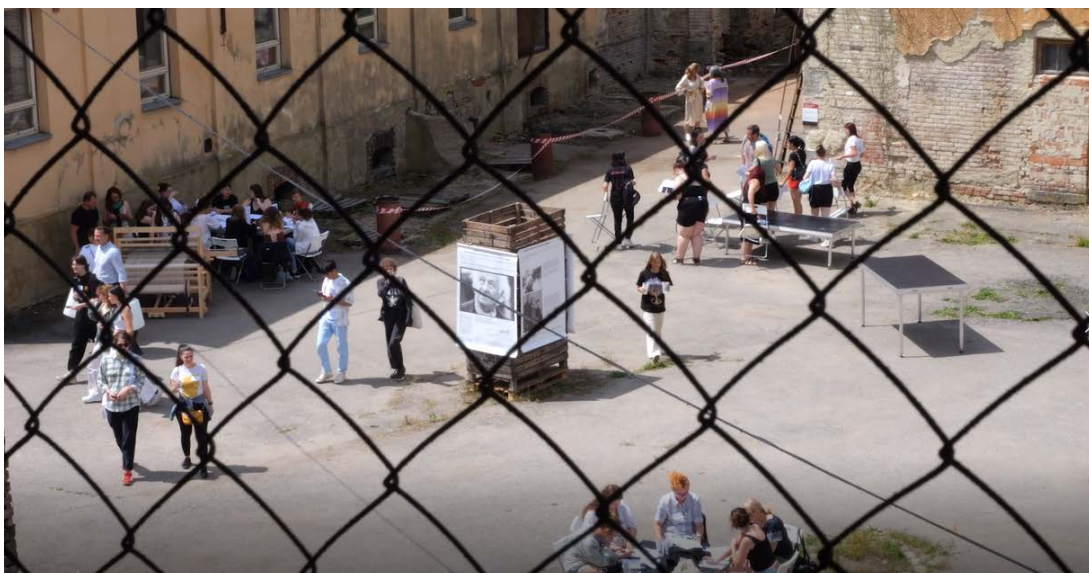
The first place shows how quickly Europe can split from 1938 to present day issues in ex-Yugoslavia and Ukraine. The second place introduces the holocaust and the only major escape from Auschwitz to this site. The third site focuses on the resilience of survivors, and how active survivors were on a day to day basis, using unique and new testimony of Joseph Bau and his family recorded from the activity, who by forging documents saved more lives than Oskar Schindler.

The fifth site introduces Emilie Schindler, raising issues of gender, and the partnership between Emilie, Oskar and the Jews themselves needed to save a life. The Ring with

“whoever saves a life, saves the world entire” was given at site 5, and assesses critically film and testimony evidence, paying particular attention to tackle denial and distortion, online and offline.

The sixth site tackles the key legacy of international crimes against humanity and genocide, with testimonies of the first trials of genocide which were of the commanders of these camps. The testimony and interactive testimony of Benjamin Ferencz brings the issues up to the 21st century and the creation of tribunals for Yugoslavia, Rwanda and permanent courts in the ICC, also tackling current issues in Ukraine, the issue of Roma documented their victims in the Holocaust, and of refugees.

The final site ensures co-creation in “Making a Museum” with new testimonies of second and third generation survivors, and visitors contribute ideas to the museum ensuring we include input from different groups, cultures, genders, ages, and the next generation in improving and adapting the activities.



Students discovering the site in hybrid place based and digital learning with iWalk



Experiencing the testimonies of survivors in the place where the events occurred



Working with the daughters of Joseph Bau the family of Schindler Jew survivors using hybrid in person and digital materials of their father



In person group teaching based on the digital and place-based testimony activities



The testimony activities in the site of Schindler's Ark alongside original places

The activity completed the following steps, an educator introduced the activity and guided through the testimony and exercises based on Schindler's Ark:

1. **Introduced to testimony education** – and listen to testimonies associated with 7 places in Schindler's Ark
2. **Provided with a tour of the site** – either in the place Schindler's Ark or in your classroom with the educator
3. **Complete exercises as a group** – following the methods of social constructivism so that you respond, research, construct and discuss the themes of the site
4. **Introduction to the themes of Schindler's Ark** – which will be developed in further detail in subsequent exercises: Jewish resistance, Film critique, Role of Gender and

Emilie Schindler, the legacy of international law and the crimes of Genocide, first applied to the directors of these camps

5. **Feedback will be included** to finalise the activity and make it widely accessible to the public and schools

The final iWalk is now freely available on iWitness in English, Czech, Hungarian and German, and can be used with weekly visits to the site or in schools in Europe and United States (download from App store or Android, iWalk, select Czech Republic and Schindler's Ark). The sequence of the event was the following :

June, 2023	Launch of iWalk with school children in Schindler's Ark. Introduction to the site and how digitalisation of the site and testimonies is undertaken
November, 2023	School curriculum – educators in schools in Czech Republic, Hungary and Switzerland work with our Student Ambassadors and teachers to implement the iWalk testimony activities and provide feedback
December, 2023	iWalk available to all visitors and schools in Europe and United States in English, Czech, German and Hungarian. Go to app store on your iphone or Android phone. Download iWalk by Shoah Foundation. Search Czech Republic and load Schindler's Ark in your choice of language. It can be downloaded to be available offline, in your classroom or on the site in Brnenec.

The activity also provides an introduction to the more detailed testimony-based education exercises with the knowledges, attitudes and behaviours of participants measured in relation to a baseline and a control group of other students in the schools at the end of the project as part of the impact evaluation.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).