

Virtual Commemoration 2023

„Civil Courage“

The annual topic

During the National Socialist era, acts of civil courage, which very quickly crossed the narrow boundaries of the system, became acts of resistance against the regime. People who resisted or rescued others, who initiated courageous individual actions against authorities or officials, and who led resistance activities in factories or in armament production, were mostly reported after the collapse of the system.

For years now, we have seen a rise in the number of right-wing extremist incidents and crimes. Human beings are being discriminated against, even attacked, in public spaces because of their origin, the colour of their skin, their religion, or their sexual orientation. The hate propaganda rising on the internet is especially worrisome. This makes it even more essential that we take a public stand against such developments.

[Read more about the thematic focus "Civil Courage"](#)

On the online platforms (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, website, etc.), the Mauthausen Committee Austria 2023 has the thematic focus "Civil Courage" and cordially invites you to participate.

Ideas

1. Short video on one of these questions:

- **What does Civil Courage mean to you today? Can you give us examples of Civil Courage today?**
- **Tell us about contemporary witnesses or people who showed civil courage during the time of Nazi terror or stood up for others.**

We are thinking of a video in which you create a short statement on one or more of the above questions (length: max. 1 minute) for the Virtual Commemoration 2023. You are welcome to record the video with your cell phone. Both landscape and portrait format is possible.

2. Statement (text/photo) on one of these questions

- **What does Civil Courage mean to you today? Can you give us examples of Civil Courage today?**
- **Tell us about contemporary witnesses or people who showed civil courage during the time of Nazi terror or stood up for others.**

Alternatively, it is also possible to provide us with a statement (about 100 characters) on one or more of the above questions. To do this, send us the statement and a photo (e.g. portrait photo or another

photo that fits the topic) and, if applicable, the logo of your organization or institution to online@mkoe.at.

3. Impressions of International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony 2023

We also ask to share experiences and impressions of the International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony on May 7, 2023. Photos or videos are welcome.

Important! Please tag and mark Mauthausen Komitee Österreich on social media when you post. Only then we can share your post on our channels!

Facebook: @mauthausenkomitee

Instagram: @mauthausenkomitee

Feel free to use hashtags like #zivildcourage #neveragain #niemalswieder #niemalsvergessen #weremember #bf2023 #befreiungsfeier #mkoe #mauthausenkomitee

We thank you in advance for your commitment and initiative!

Please send submissions to online@mkoe.at no later than March 31, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact us at any time at the above e-mail address online@mkoe.at!

