

# "Learning in Memorial Sites – contemporary challenges and experiences"

## Introduction

The Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research consists of representatives of government, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations. Its purpose is to place political and social leaders' support behind the need for Holocaust education, remembrance, and research both nationally and internationally. Initiated by Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson in 1998, the Task Force currently has twenty-seven member countries. Norway has the Chairmanship of the ITF this year.

In this international conference, located at the Falstad Memorial in the surroundings of the former SS-Camp Falstad, experts from the Task Force and other institutions gather to discuss contemporary, didactical challenges and experiences in Holocaust-related memorial sites and museums.

## Preliminary program

### Saturday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>

**Guided Tour Falstad Memorial (for participants arriving Friday night or Saturday morning)**

#### Lunch

**17h00** Welcome, Tone Jörstad, Director Falstad Memorial  
Introduction, Jon Reitan, Falstad Memorial

**17h30-20h30 Panel 1 "Holocaust and Human rights narratives – obstacles and opportunities"**

Wolf Kaiser, Gedenk- und Bildungsstätte Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz:  
"Goals on authentic sites"

Monique Eckmann, University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland:  
"Human Rights Education – similarities and differences with education in memorial museums"

Coffee

Piotr Trojanski, Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau:  
“Holocaust and Human Rights – a Polish memorial site experience”

Thomas Lutz, Topographie des Terrors:  
“Holocaust Education, Memorial Museums and Human Rights Education – Mutual benefits?”

**20h45** Dinner Falstad Memorial

**Sunday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**09h00-12h30 Panel 2 “Memorial sites and practical-pedagogical examples”**

Otto Rühl, Danish Institute for International Studies DIIS:  
“The ITF guidelines on visiting memorial sites – personal experiences”

Karen Pollak, Anne Frank House: “The Hiding of Anne Frank and freedom2choose”

Coffee

Yariv Lapid, KZ Gedenkstätte Mauthausen and Heidemarie Uhl,  
Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften:  
“The renewing of the Mauthausen Memorial and development of pedagogical concepts“

Rita Nagy, Holocaust Memorial Center Budapest:  
“Learning in a memorial museum – the visitor experience”

**12h30** Lunch

**13h30-16h00 Panel 3 “Didactical concepts in Norwegian Memorial sites and institutions”**

Anette Storeide, Foundation White Buses to Auschwitz:  
“He knows it is true, because he has been there – the witness and learning”

Knut Vesterdal, Falstad Memorial:  
”The Josef Grabowski Project”

Coffee

Peder Nustad, Centre for Studies of Holocaust and Religious Minorities:  
“Teaching the Holocaust in the former villa of Vidkun Quisling”

**16h00-17h00 Plenary Discussion – “Learning in Memorial sites” and ITF Outreach**

**17h30** Departure to the Rica Nidelven Conference Hotel, Trondheim

## Practical information

### Arrival Trondheim Airport Vaernes:

Friday Night 27.11.09

Saturday Morning 28.11.09

There are daily connections to Trondheim from Amsterdam, Copenhagen and Stockholm.

Transport from the Airport to the Falstad Memorial will be taken care of for EWG and MMWG delegates to the conference. There is a 45 minute bus drive from the airport to the memorial site.

### Acommodation:

Falstad Memorial and the Hotel Backlund in Levanger, close to the Memorial.

### Registration:

Falstad Memorial at [post@falstadsenteret.no](mailto:post@falstadsenteret.no) within October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please give us following information in the registration-email:

- Name
- Address
- Single or double room (and whom you in this case would like to share room with)
- Food allergies or preferences
- If you are a EWG / MMWG delegate

Maximum number of participants: 60.

**Price:** For non-delegates NOK 1500,-

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