

Leipzig Nazi Forced Labour Memorial

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If you would like to support our work by joining our association as a supporting member, we would be delighted to send you further information.



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The memorial offers regular public tours of the permanent exhibition and the former site of the HASAG factory, as well as tours of various Leipzig neighbourhoods that retrace the footsteps of Nazi forced labour. These offerings are free of charge. Booking is not required.

Guided tours for groups can also be booked individually for a fee.

The memorial also offers educational programmes for school pupils and young people that are specially tailored to the target group in terms of their content and approach.

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please send an email to: gedenkstaette@zwangsarbeit-in-leipzig.de



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Opening hours

Tuesday to Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

How to find us

Tram 3 / Bus 90
Permoserstraße / Torgauer Straße

Free admission
Wheelchair-accessible

The Leipzig Nazi Forced Labour Memorial is maintained by the association *Erinnern an NS-Verbrechen in Leipzig e.V.* This work is funded by the Cultural Office of the City of Leipzig and the Saxon Memorial Foundation on the basis of the budget approved by the members of the Saxon State Parliament.





A PUBLICLY VISIBLE NAZI CRIME

During the Second World War, Leipzig was an important centre for armaments and industry. More than 75,000 people from all over Europe were exploited here as forced labourers. They were deployed in all areas: in private households as domestic helpers, in municipal institutions, such as the public utilities and Leipzig's transport companies, in small firms and especially in large arms manufacturers.

The forced labourers were housed in more than 600 camps and collective accommodation facilities. Some of these were large barrack camps, but factories, inns, schools, theatres and clubhouses were also converted into accommodation. Many of the camps were located in the immediate vicinity of the city's population. In addition, six subcamps of the Buchenwald concentration camp were set up in Leipzig and the surrounding area from 1943.

The Leipzig Nazi Forced Labour Memorial is located on the historic site of the company headquarters of Hugo Schneider AG (HASAG). HASAG was Saxony's largest arms manufacturer during the Second World War and is considered one of the companies to have profited the most from Nazi forced labour.

◀ Soviet prisoners of war clearing an area hit by an air raid in front of the Königsbau building on Augustusplatz, 1943 (Leipzig City Archive)

The memorial's digital map records more than 700 sites of Nazi forced labour in the Leipzig area.



HUGO SCHNEIDER AG (HASAG)

Between 1939 and 1945, more than 10,000 civilian forced labourers, prisoners of war and concentration camp inmates were forced to work at the HASAG factory in Leipzig alone. The company mainly produced weapons and *Panzerfäuste* (a German rocket-propelled grenade similar to a bazooka) for the German military.

HASAG owned several plants in the German Reich and took over three factories in occupied Poland after the start of the war. From the summer of 1944, it set up subcamps at several factory sites in the Reich. These subcamps were under the control of the Buchenwald concentration camp.

The HASAG Leipzig subcamp was located in the northern part of the company's Leipzig premises. More than 5,000 female and 700 male prisoners were housed here.



Founded in 2001, the memorial presents a permanent exhibition on the history of Nazi forced labour in Leipzig. The exhibition focuses in particular on the deployment of thousands of foreign civilian forced labourers, prisoners of war and concentration camp inmates at the arms company HASAG.

It collects documents about Nazi forced labour and related objects and conducts research on individual topics. In a reference library, it holds relevant publications for research purposes and provides advice on research.

It also documents the fate of Nazi forced labourers and is a point of contact for former forced labourers and their families.

The memorial's library and archive can be consulted by appointment during regular opening hours.

You can find out about current dates and our educational offerings on our website: www.zwangsarbeit-in-leipzig.de

If you would like to contribute objects or documents to our collection, please contact us.

◀ Forced labourers producing *Panzerfäuste* at the HASAG factory in Leipzig, 1943/44 (GfZL, Maria Caroli)

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