



Educational offer

Museum of Polish Children

- Victims of Totalitarianism in

Lodz

The Museum of Polish Children - Victims of Totalitarianism in Lodz is holding **free educational classes for high school and elementary school students (grades 7 - 8)** on the history of the German concentration camp for Polish children on Przemysłowa Street, which operated in Lodz in the years 1942-1945, and its branch in Dzierżązna near Zgierz.

Proposed educational activities:

1. Lecture on the history of Lodz and the camp for Polish children operating during World War II

Classes conducted by an educator, with the use of a multimedia presentation, on the German occupation of Polish lands, with particular emphasis on the fate of children and young people and the origins and functioning of the camp at Przemysłowa Street in Lodz.

- Class participants:
 - high school students,
 - students in grades 7 and 8
- Class location (elective):
 - at school,
 - Museum of Polish Children – Victims of Totalitarianism, 90 Piotrkowska Street in Lodz.
- Class duration (elective):
 - 90 minutes (2 lesson hours) – the preferred option,
 - 45 minutes (1 lesson hour).
- Technical requirements on the part of the school:
 - an overhead projector or multimedia monitor.

2. Museum lesson "Mom, Why Don't You Come?..."

A tour of the modern and thought-provoking multimedia exhibition "*Mom, why don't you come? Letters of children from the camp on Przemysłowa Street*" and a lecture on the origins and functioning of the German concentration camp for Polish children on Przemysłowa Street in Lodz, along with its branch in Dzierżązna.

- Class participants:
 - high school students,
 - students in grades 7 and 8,
 - a maximum of 30 students (including chaperones).
- Class location:
Museum of Polish Children – Victims of Totalitarianism, 90 Piotrkowska Street in Lodz.
- Class duration:
- about 120 minutes.

3. "It happened here..." - field classes – educational walk on the site of the former camp on Przemysłowa Street in Lodz

Exploring the remains of the former camp and trying to imagine it functioning is the main goal of the walk, during which educators talk about the daily life of the young prisoners and present archival photographs.

- Class participants:
 - high school students,
 - students in grades 7 and 8,
 - a maximum of 20 students (including chaperones).
- Assembly point and start of the walk:
- The "Broken Heart" monument in the Szarych Szeregów Park in Lodz.
- Duration of the walk:
- about 90 minutes.

4. "Artifact - a silent witness to the past. Objects from the camp on Przemysłowa Street" - historical-artistic workshop

See, touch, feel, create ... Join us for a workshop that should intrigue the young viewer. We start with the film "*It Doesn't End... The Story of the Children of the Camp on Przemysłowa Street*," and then "bring to life" artifacts related to the daily life of the camp, which will help to learn about the daily life of the prisoners and build a personal historical narrative by workshop participants.

- Class participants:
 - high school students,

- maximum one class.
- Class location:
 - Museum of Polish Children – Victims of Totalitarianism, 90 Piotrkowska Street in Lodz.
- Class duration:
 - 100 minutes.

5. "Letters to Freedom" – historical and literary workshop

What can we be thankful for today? What did the little inmates of the camp on Przemysłowa Street lack, but we have and... not always appreciate? Join us for a reflective and very personal workshop. Part one is a glimpse into the world of letters from children in the camp to their loved ones. Part two is a broadcast presenting selected letters from the camp, followed by the youth writing their own letters addressed to Freedom.

- Class participants:
 - high school students,
 - maximum one class.
- Class location:
 - at school.
- Class duration:
 - 90 minutes (2 lesson hours).
- Technical requirements on the part of the school:
 - an overhead projector or multimedia monitor, speakers.
- Additional information:
 - letter blanks used during class are provided by the Museum of Polish Children,
 - the letters compiled as part of the class will be collected by Museum educators and used in a planned exhibition commemorating children from the camp on Przemysłowa Street.

6. "Eyes – the mirror of the soul" – art-historical workshop

Eyes of a person depict all the emotions. We'll see in them... It's up to us... During the workshop, students will be introduced by an educator to the daily life of young inmates of the camp on Przemysłowa Street, to the hardship of work unsuitable for little hands and long days devoid of "I love you and I can count on you, mom and dad." The second part of the workshop, devoted to creative-artistic activities, is the time to draw one's own vision of what might have been hidden in the eyes of the children of the camp.

- Class participants:
 - students in grades 7 and 8 of elementary schools,
 - maximum one class.
- Class location:
 - at school.

- Class duration:
 - 90 minutes.
- Technical requirements on the part of the school:
 - A4 size white sheets,
 - an overhead projector or multimedia monitor
- Additional information:
 - the utensils (crayons, pencils) during the class are provided by the Museum of Polish Children,
 - the works made as part of the class will be collected by Museum educators and used in a planned exhibition commemorating children from the Przemysłowa Street camp.

7. "Memory Box" - history and art workshop

Save a precious trinket or fleeting impression from oblivion. Save from oblivion the memory of those who witnessed the history of our homeland. Young man - be active. These are the goals of the Museum's educators, who will present students with the film "*It Doesn't End... The Story of the Children of the Camp on Przemysłowa Street,*" and then initiate a discussion concerning the fate of the young prisoners. During the second part of the class, the young people will create a class Memory Box, which will contain paper-created "artifacts" saved from oblivion and inspired by the story presented in the film and the testimony of camp Survivors.

- Class participants:
 - students in grades 7 and 8 of elementary schools,
 - maximum one class.
- Class location:
 - at school.
- Class duration:
 - 90 minutes.
- Technical requirements on the part of the school:
 - A4 size white sheets of paper, crayons, scissors, glue/sticky tape,
 - the box used during the class is provided by the Museum of Polish Children.
- Additional information:
 - The Memory Box stays in the classroom and will serve as a unique prop - a memento.

Educators at the Museum of Polish Children are accepting invitations for lectures and workshops from young people all over Poland.

**Detailed information and class booking:
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