



Seminar for Hungarian classroom teachers

4-6 December 2015

Debrecen



With the partnership of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Centropa Foundation in Hungary held a seminar between 4-6 of December 2015 in Debrecen for 34 classroom teachers from all over the country. The opening ceremony of the program was held at the Jewish community of Debrecen; the participants visited two synagogues that were recently renovated, they attended Shabbat services, and were hosted for a kosher dinner at the conference hall of the Jewish community. Resident Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Mr. Frank Spengler welcomed the participants and expressed his support and partnership to continue teacher training programs in Hungary, to help educators in their important work they are doing all over the country.

About the program:

Centropa offers teachers inter-related educational tools: multimedia films and traveling exhibitions based on oral history interviews, video competitions and other student project ideas, an internet site that contains all of the above, and a platform for teachers where they can share ideas and best practices.



We help educators by offering seminars that provide them with historical knowledge, expose them to our online resources and give them the opportunity to collaborate with other teachers.

We choose Debrecen as our seminar location because we wanted to strengthen our partnership with teachers from the countryside. By bringing both our exhibition and our seminar to Debrecen we gained new partners, and established stronger bonds with our existing partners in the region.

To make this seminar even more useful and successful for teachers Centropa collaborated with the Association of Hungarian History Teachers (TTE), the Hungarian Jewish Museum and Archives, the Holocaust Memorial Center, as well as the Haver Informal Jewish Educational Foundation.

To follow up the seminar Centropa engages the participants in an ongoing conversation where we ask feedback from the teachers on how they were able to use the educational materials or ideas they learned about during the seminar. Centropa also provides educational projects - such as a video making competition and two traveling exhibitions - to help the work of the teachers, and create inspiring and motivating opportunities for them to involve their students in active learning.

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