

REMEMBRANCE STONES IN MALLORCA

Gunter Demnig will place the first REMEMBRANCE STONES in Spain, as well as several STOLPERSTEINE in Mallorca and Menorca in December 2018.

Gunter Demnig will install 14 Stolpersteine in Palma de Mallorca on 16th December 2018. He will also place the first of 20 Remembrance Stones in Palma and several other municipalities (including Inca, Soller and Esporles) on 16th, 17th and 18th December. On 19th December, he will lay three further Stolpersteine in Ciutadella de Menorca.

The Stolpersteine will be placed for Republicans who were killed by the Nazis in Mauthausen, Gusen or other camps in Austria. Gunter Demnig has already placed Stolpersteine in Barcelona and several places. Next year, he is due to place the first in the Spanish capital Madrid, as well as in Valencia and several more in Catalunya.

Stolpersteine are placed for all victims of the Nazis from 1933 to 1945. In Spain, the Stolpersteine so far have been placed for Republicans who took refuge in France during the Spanish Civil War. Tens of thousands were interned in French camps. After the German occupation of France, some 30,000 were conscripted for forced labour and/or sent to concentration camps in Austria and Germany. Thousands were killed.

Remembrance Stones are a pilot project set up by the STIFTUNG SPUREN-GUNTER DEMNIG (Gunter Demnig's foundation) to commemorate people who were not direct victims of the Nazis. The first will be placed for 20 mayors and politicians who were arrested, imprisoned, tortured and murdered by Nationalist opponents of the Republic, supporters of General Francisco Franco.

The design of the Remembrance Stones is very similar to that of the Stolpersteine. They are exactly the same size (10x10x10cm) but stainless steel is used instead of brass-plate to cover the concrete blocks.

Like the Stolpersteine, each Remembrance Stone is made and stamped by hand by Michael Friedrichs-Friedländer. The inscriptions are similar, with the most important details being the name, the year of birth and the date of murder. The first Remembrance Stones will be placed in front of people's homes or their places of work (mostly town halls).

The Stolperstein project is over 25 years old. There are now over 70,000 Stolpersteine in 24 countries of Europe. The Stolperstein team has received many requests over the years to place stones for victims of other repressive regimes or of violence.

Gunter Demnig's response was always that his project was restricted to 1933-1945. The Remembrance Stones mark a turning point. However, the underlying idea is that Franco would not have "won" without massive support from Nazi Germany and this fact creates a bridge between two forms of memory stones. The Remembrance Stones for Spanish Republicans represent thus a logical continuation of Gunter Demnig's work in progress and decentralised monument to victims of Nazism and fascism.

The Remembrance Stones project is intended to be long-lasting and symbolic, like that of the Stolpersteine. It should provoke thought and reflection about dictatorship and repression. Both Stolpersteine and Remembrance Stones should ideally serve as a warning against similar developments in society.

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