

Project name: Living Memorial development and network building, 2017

We are aiming to widen the impact of our activities. We want to make the Living Memorial discussion circle available for new target groups and in places that have not yet been able to gain access to its social impact and the unique experience it offers.

The philosopher Ágnes Heller repeatedly emphasized at conferences, social events and Living Memorial discussions the important role the “small circles of freedom” may have in the process of awakening feelings of personal responsibility in people regarding the fate of their country. Thus, our project not only involves new target groups, but can indirectly increase the activity level of the involved groups who work for social change, thereby aiding them to achieve wider recognition.

The first step of our project is to strengthen our presence at Szabadság Square as well as the documentation of our activities. A sustainable winter presence requires our own generator unit, a quality sound system, and an easy-to-assemble, heated marquee that is nevertheless open to the public.

We are also planning to professionalize our online communications. We have plans to create a live-stream of our discussions, and even open up our discussions in a video-conference like way. This innovation has so far been impossible to realize due to a lack of financial support; however, we believe that a connection to the public sphere of the internet would make Living Memorial discussions more appealing to younger generations.

We have already built a productive relationship with Tilos Rádió, an independent community radio, which makes following our discussions possible with mobile tools if the sound quality permits it.

We would like to make at least 600 hours of our audio archive easily accessible and searchable, enhance the sound quality of the recordings and add video documentation.

We intend to further popularize the model of the moderated discussion circle. We are continuously increasing the number of our activists and it is our goal to aid the organization of further LM circles in countryside locations.

As numerous Hungarian non-governmental initiatives have already adopted our format and we get requests to train moderators, we would also like to strengthen this facet of our activities by fostering trainers and organizing trainings.

The investments and expenses of the Living Memorial have been financed by donations collected after each of our discussions since 19. 06. 2014. Our biggest investments so far involved the sound system, our chairs and the building of the winter marquee, while our more significant expenses concerned the financing of politics of memory events. The annual breakdown of our income and expense is as follows:

2014

Income: 439.170,-

Expenses: 434.180,-

Final: 4.990,-

Greater investments among the expenses:

Generator unit: 72.280,-

Hot air gun: 27.000,-

Winter marquee: 103.260,-

2015

Income: 480.820,-

Expenses: 471.090,-

Final: 14.720,-

Greater investments and costs among the expenses:

Battery: 16.000,-

Winter marquee renovations: 30.725,-

Debrecen-Hajdúszoboszló joint action: 23.380,-

Action against Hóman statue in Székesfehérvár: 61.964,-

2016

Income: 407.724,-

Expenses: 303.184,-

Final: 119.260,-

Greater investments and costs among the expenses:

22 new chairs: 39.380,-

60th anniversary of 1956 action: 101.140,-