Stumbling Stones in Würzburg – Why?

'Stumbling Stones' are placed in memory of people who were victims of the Nazis between 1933 and 1945: Jews, Gypsies, victims of euthanasia, homosexuals and those persecuted for ethnic, political or religious reasons.

In Würzburg, too, there were numerous victims of the Nazi regime. The 'Stumbling Stone' initiative in Würzburg has taken on the task of keeping the memory of these victims alive for us today. The little cobbles are laid in memory of people who once lived with us and among us. You will find more information at: www.stolpersteine-wuerzburg.de

Sponsors & Supporters:

Würzburg has a very dedicated group of individuals and institutions from political to social welfare organisations who support the 'Stumbling Stone' initiative.

- amnesty international
- Association Against Oblivion – For Democracy
- Association of Persecutees of the Nazi Regime – Federation of Anti-Fascists
- ATTAC
- Catholic Deanery
- Catholic Student Organisation
- Catholic Workers’ Movement
- Chamber of Commerce
- Confederation of German Trade Unions
- Confederation of German Trade Unions Youth Organisation
- District and Municipal Department for Youth
- Foreigners’ Advisory Council
- Frankenwarte Academy
- Friends of History
- Friends of Nature in Germany
- German Catholic Youth Federation
- Initiative Committee “Shalom Europa”
- Jewish Congregation
- Lord Mayor and City Council of the City of Würzburg
- Lutheran Deanery
- Lutheran Student Organisation
- Lutheran Youth Organisation
- MAINTRAINING
- Matthias Ehrenfried House
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- Society for the Improvement of Public Places and Buildings
- Sparkasse Mainfranken Savings Bank
- University of Würzburg
- University of Applied Sciences
- Wof – Centre for Gays
- Würzburg Adult Education
- Würzburg Energy and Transport
- Würzburg Women’ and Women’s Organisations’ Working Group
- Youth Education Institute of Lower Franconia
How do I become a Sponsor?

“Stumbling Stones” are financed with sponsorships. Any individual can become a sponsor, as can political parties, as can associations, clubs and schools.

Sponsorship for one Stumbling Stone costs 95 Euros. This covers the cost of producing and laying the stone in front of the place where the victim lived or worked. You will receive information about the person the Stumbling Stone commemorates and his or her life, as far as this is possible. You will be informed where and when the Stumbling Stone they have sponsored will be laid so that they can be present at the ceremony.

To sponsor a stone, please transfer the sum of 95 Euros to the City of Würzburg.

Account number: 4200 0067 at Sparkasse Mainfranken Würzburg, BLZ code 790 500 00
IBAN: DE 31 7905 0000 0042 0000 67
Reference: Stolpersteine HHSt. 40565 (please quote in full).
Or send a check to:

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Did you know any victims or do you remember names, addresses or what happened to them? Would you like to tell us about a particular person who should be remembered, or let us know what you remember about this time in Germany. Please get in touch with us.

The Artist Gunter Demnig

The artist and educator Gunter Demnig from Cologne initiated the ‘Stumbling Stone’ campaign in 1997. The ‘Stumbling Stones’ are little cubes of concrete, 10 x 10 x 10 cm (4”x4”x4”) on which a brass plate has been anchored. The name of a Nazi victim is engraved on this brass plate. The Stones are then inserted by Gunter Demnig in the pavement in front of the building in which that person lived or worked. Gunter Demnig sees himself as “laying a trail”. For him, it is important that remembrance be a central part of our everyday lives and that memorials are not located in distant and removed places. How often does the average person seek out a memorial? People are more likely to take a closer look at what is on the pavement in front of a building. So far, Gunter Demnig has laid more than 6,000 ‘Stumbling Stones’ in Germany. “Sponsors give me the strength to carry on, but it can still only be a symbolic gesture”, says Gunter Demnig.

Anneliese Winterstein  
b. 5 February 1924  
Am Pleidenturm 6  
Gypsy, worker. Her honour meant more to her than her young life. Died in Auschwitz/Birkenau, 5 April 1944

Emil Schloss  
b. 12 February 1885  
Johannitergasse 5  
Seriously wounded in World War I, Jewish, denounced by fellow-citizens, deported first to Buchenwald, then on 27 November 1941 to Riga

Ruth Hanover  
b. 13 August 1923  
Alleestraße 20  
(now St.-Benedikt-Strasse)  
Daughter of Rabbi S. Hanover, friend of the writer Jehuda Amichai. Murdered in Sobibor in 1943

Felix Fechenbach  
b. 28 January 1894  
Ursulinergasse 2  
Trade unionist, author, editor, anti-Fascist. Fought against Fascism until March 1933. Assassinated 8 August 1933 near Scherfede/Warburg

Claire Rosenthal  
née Buschoff  
b. 26 April 1889  
Rotkreuzsteige 10  
Committed suicide to bring about her husband’s release from Buchenwald. d. 17 Nov. 1938. Husband released shortly afterwards

Dr. Johanna Stahl  
b. 6 March 1895  
Konradstraße 9  
Journalist for Frankfurter Zeitung, dedicated to the underprivileged and the Jewish Community, stood for City Council in 1929, murdered in Auschwitz in June 1943

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