



## Holocaust Education Trust Ireland

### The Crocus Project 2019/2020 Event Report



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#### **Event 1: Launch of The Crocus Project 2019/2020**

Participation: The event involved the participation of 100 citizens in Dublin and over 300 citizens from across Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.

Location/Dates: The largest event took place at the Sensory Gardens in the Delta Centre in Carlow, Ireland, with smaller launches across Europe from the 15/10/2019 - 20/10/2019.

Short description: The Crocus Project was launched by Kyla Hertz, 3rd Generation Holocaust Survivor. We had an audience from the Home Education Network at the Sensory Gardens in the Delta Centre in Carlow. The gardens are part of Delta Centre which was established in 1990 as a centre for adults with disabilities. The Sensory Gardens were created as a therapeutic outlet for those attending the service and is wheelchair accessible. Some of the European countries involved in the Project were represented by their diplomatic missions in Ireland. Willem Noe from the European Commission Representation in Ireland was also in attendance.

#### **Event 2: Promotion**

Promotion: This event involved 20 citizens from Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.

Dates: 01/08/2019 - 28/10/2019

Short description: Promotion of The Crocus Project was carried out by HETI and all of our partner organisations. In Ireland, HETI has developed a relationship with The Corres Centre, an organisation for people with intellectual disabilities who assist in preparing the promotional mail out to all Irish schools.

#### **Event 3: Amendment of crocus packs**

Participation: This event involved 20 citizens from Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.

Dates: 01/08/2019 - 29/08/2019

Short description: The information pack was updated in 2016 to reflect issues relevant to Europe today; the refugee crises and migrants, the Holocaust and other 20th century genocides and the inclusion of other victims of the Holocaust; Roma, disabled people, homosexuals and ethnic minorities. However, in response to partner feedback, some minor amendments to the translation were required following the project in 2018/2019.

#### **Event 4: Production and distribution**

Participation: This event involved 20 citizens from Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Dates: 01/09/2019 - 20/09/2019

Short description: Our partner organisations proofread the final information pack and it was printed in: English/Irish, Polish, Maltese, Bulgarian, Czech, Croatian, Greek, Slovak, Italian, Hungarian and Romanian. HETI dispatched the packs to our partner organisations by courier.

#### **Event 5: Registration for the Project**

Participation: This event involved 150 citizens from across Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Dates: 01/09/2019 - 15/10/2019 in each participating Member State.

Short description: HETI and all of our partner organisations received a tremendous response to the promotion of the project, over 97,000 students registered to participate in the project across 12 member states.

**Event 6: Assembly of bulbs and information packs for mail out**

Participation: This event involved 100 citizens from Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.

Location/Dates: 09/09/2019 - 31/10/2019

Short description: HETI worked with our partner organisations and the Corres Centre to ensure that the bulb and educational packs were assembled and packed in 12 European countries.

**Event 7: Dispatch and project commences**

Participation: This event involved over 97,000 citizens from Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.

Dates: 01/11/2019 - 11/11/2019

Short description: Packs dispatched, and the project commences. All schools nationally and internationally received their information packs and bulbs and were able to start the practical implementation of the project.

**Event 8: The Crocus Club**

Participation: This event involved 700 citizens from Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.

Dates: 31/10/2019 - 30/06/2020, online

Short description: The Facebook Crocus Club group grew to involve the new participants across Europe who actively shared images of the project and their own memorials and classroom events with each other and shared ideas and feedback on the project.

**Event 9: Evaluation**

Participation: This event involved 20 citizens from Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia and all participants.

Dates: 01/02/2020 - 30/06/2020

Short description: Online evaluation of the project submitted from each participating teacher across Europe with feedback on the projects advantages and suggestions (see Crocus Project Report 2019/20).

**Event 10: Dissemination**

Participation: This involved 20 citizens from Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.

Dates: 01/07/2020 - 22/12/2020

Short description: Dissemination of the results of The Crocus Project 2019/2020 to partners and civil society organisations.



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