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About Us

The Footsteps Team is derived from the hope of building a better future for this and later generations in every part of the world. Our principles are based on the need to share the history and educate students of all ages on the horrors of the Holocaust, not only to remember and respect the victims, but to keep the voices of the silenced alive. Their stories in the hearts and minds of present and future generations are the key to a better future for all mankind.

Footsteps does not only focus on the Holocaust, but rather we work to expose the rise of hate within our communities and in every country. We expose and challenge hate and intolerance, racism, homophobia, sexism and basic human rights to help build a better future by learning from the past and educating our present.

Footsteps Principles

The past – the present – the future. Never forget. Always learn

- To remember and honour those who suffered and died during the Holocaust
- To ensure that the lessons of history are learnt not just as facts, figures, names, places and events; but as a living entity of which we, and future generations are custodians
- To strive to ensure that intolerance, hatred, and scapegoating of others, in all forms, is challenged and never accepted as being socially acceptable
- To treat others with respect, dignity, courtesy
- To avoid conflict and hostility, and aim to never deliberately or inadvertently abuse, insult, distress, or cause offence
- To refuse to accept hostile, aggressive, judgemental, prejudicial, or other language or behaviour from any who act for, or on behalf of Footsteps
- To act always in the best interests not just of Footsteps, but also of those who use the Foundation, and those who may seek it out as a source of information or discussion
- To never forget that our main aim and purpose is based on respect for those who suffered in the past, and who may be suffering now or in the future. We must always act in a manner worthy of those greater people.

Footsteps Team Members



Footsteps Branch- Germany

Rainer Höß

The grandson of the Auschwitz Commandant, Rudolf Höß. Rainer is the founder of Footsteps and has been educating students and adults alike on the Holocaust and what happens when hate becomes a weapon. Author of *The Heritage of the Commandant*.



Footsteps Branch- Great Britain

Simon Bell

Co-founder of Footsteps. A former mental health nurse who specialised in working with offenders. Simon's interest is crime, the impact of trauma, and trying to find constructive ways of challenging intolerance. He has written two books – *Auschwitz-Birkenau: From*

Hell to Hope, and *Tribalism and Prejudice: The Far-Right and Lessons From History*



Footsteps Branch- Netherlands

Simone Boersma

Simone is a pedagogue with 10 years of experience at primary schools and special education in the Netherlands.

In 2016 she started her final research to graduate as a pedagogue. From the beginning it was crystal clear that the subject would be trauma of children and youth resulting out of discrimination and prejudice within the current generation. She has been fortunate to meet and exchange correspondence with refugees, survivors, historians and others who shared this interest. As a pedagogue with an ecological vision, Simone believes it is important to maintain awareness and sensitivities to the impact that past experiences have for children and families in the present. Understanding different I Deal, and their origin is of importance if you want to be able to interact with each other. The consciousness of history is, as she thinks, of great importance when it comes to learning democracy attitude. History tells the story of the establishment of democracy, but also provides insight into the development of citizenship, and shows us how freedom, citizenship and democracy interact with each other.



Footsteps Branch- Germany

Inga Jäger

Waldorf School Pedagogue, graduate Family & Social Advisor ,certified trainer in adult education for ethical communication, conflict management, and social arts, freelance work in mission statement work and management consultancy with farmers. Long-standing national and international studies in Anthroposophical Spiritual Sciences, Philosophy, Geotheanistic Natural Sciences, and art ,married, mother of five children. My love for future-oriented impulses has always been the motive of my actions – in pedagogy, in my seminars and in the social sphere. This includes an open-mind in thinking and reflection. This can lead to living knowledge that goes beyond the individual and can, in the best case, develop broader coherences regarding the development of the world and mankind.

A social order based on values, which Footsteps advocates, does not arise through negation, but through affirmation, not through exclusion and prejudice, but through encounter and connection. A free community that stands up for the dignity of each individual human being, that does not accept national tendencies and discrimination, but that creates a network of encounters in our present age of globalisation that is mutually supportive.

Footsteps are now active far beyond the borders of Europe in areas such as: seminars in schools, supervised trips to Auschwitz with pupils, book readings and events of all kinds. We are always at your disposal if you are interested. For inquiries you can use the contact form of our website or write us directly to the indicated email address.

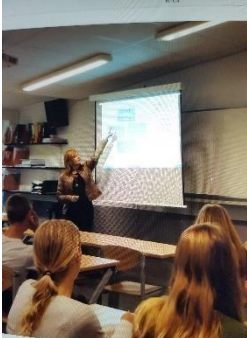
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We will then contact you immediately. Yours sincerely, **Footsteps Team**

Learn and connect



As you can see from our individual profiles we are also particularly familiar with this topic and how it should be correctly handled. Rainer has dedicated his life to speaking at events across the world to wide and varied audiences. Simone works fulltime in the field of education and understands better than most the needs of students. Simon's previous professional role included education in one-to-one and group settings to a wide range of health and criminal justice professionals. We believe that with this experience we bring not just knowledge about the Holocaust, genocide, intolerance, and the need to learn from the past, but also a high level of awareness regarding the varied sensitivities of those learners entrusted to us or who seek our advice. We have gained our expertise not just from reading and academic research, but also from our personal experience with survivors and other victims. By being able to network with various organisations, museums, and archives we aim to deliver a broader level of educational resources and support.



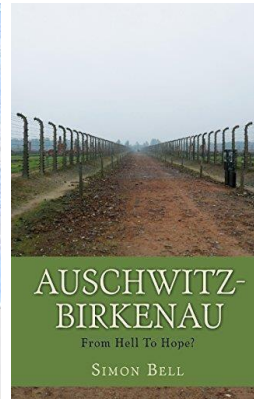
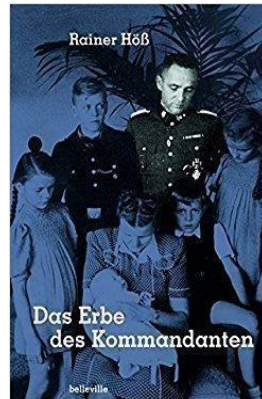
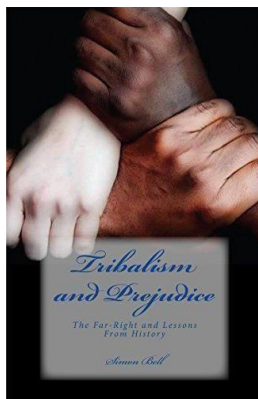
Conferences:

Footsteps has been invited and participated in national and international events. On our website we provide information about coming events.



Book readings

As you have seen Footsteps are now active far beyond the borders of Europe. Besides seminars in schools, supervised trips to Auschwitz with pupils and events we also provide book readings. Simon Bell and Rainer Hoess are both authors of several educational books. We are always at your disposal if you are interested for book readings. The books are for sale at Amazon if you are interested. For inquiries you can use the contact us. We will then contact you immediately.



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www.zachorfoundation.org

The Zachor Holocaust Remembrance Foundation
The souls of our dear departed ones, all six million of them, are
crying out to the world in a single word: "ZACHOR."
ZACHOR means REMEMBER.

And as we remember, we must also educate others, so that the lessons of the
Holocaust will inspire future generations to recognize, combat, and ultimately
extinguish the hatred that breeds genocide.



CANADIANS REMEMBER CANADA

www.canadiansremember.ca

Canadians Remember is a grassroots, viral campaign created by and for
Canadians to support
Holocaust remembrance. With the help of all Canadians, our goal is to raise \$2.5 million to support the
Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation, marking the 70th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz on
January 27, 2015.

There are a remarkable number of connections to Auschwitz in every province of this country, and
many notable Canadian success stories began with those few who escaped the Nazis' 'final solution'.
With firsthand testimonies dwindling every day, it is more important than ever to assist Auschwitz in
preserving the history of the infamous death camp. There's never been a better way for Canadians to
say 'I remember'.



MUSEUM DE LA SHOAH CANADA PARIS

<http://www.memorialdelashoah.org>

Le Mémorial de la Shoah trouve son origine pendant la guerre, avec la
création dans la clandestinité d'un fonds d'archives visant à rassembler les
preuves de la persécution des Juifs. Le Centre de documentation Juive Contemporaine se double plus
tard du Mémorial du Martyr Juif Inconnu. Centre d'archives, musée, le Mémorial est aujourd'hui un lieu
de médiation essentiel pour la transmission.

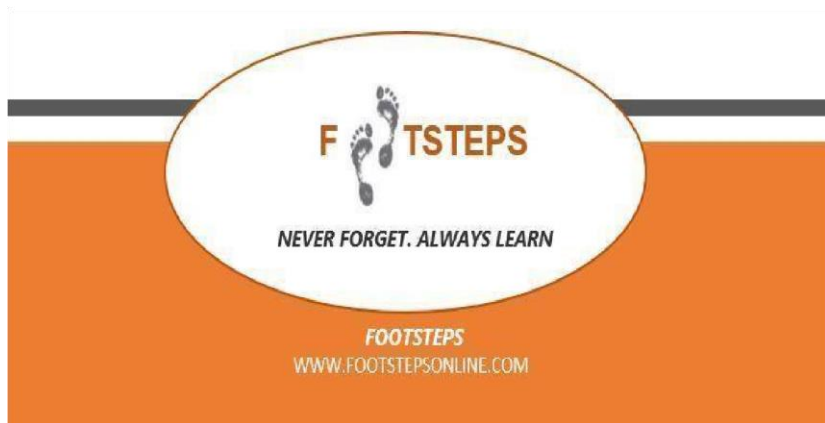
Das Institut für Zeitgeschichte (IfZ) ist eine außeruniversitäre Forschungseinrichtung, die die gesamte deutsche Geschichte des 20. Jahrhunderts bis zur Gegenwart in ihren europäischen Bezügen erforscht. Gegründet wurde das IfZ 1949, um als erstes Institut überhaupt die nationalsozialistische Diktatur wissenschaftlich zu erschließen. Auf diesem Gebiet hat das IfZ seither weltweit anerkannte Grundlagenforschung geleistet.



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ATHENS**
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The Onassis Cultural Centre-Athens was inaugurated in December 2010, as a new cultural site accessible to all. Its mission is the promotion of modern cultural expression, the support of new Greek artists, the cultivation of international collaborations, the education and lifelong learning, as well as the co-existence and interaction of sciences, innovation and arts.

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