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**#everynamecounts:**

**make sure their names will never be forgotten**

**Together with volunteers from all over the world, the Arolsen Archives are building the largest digital memorial to the victims of Nazism. (*Insert name* are / is) a project partner and (support / supports) this initiative that brings remembrance into the here and now.**

(*Insert name* is / are) taking a stand for respect, diversity, and democracy. *(You are invited to insert an individual quote from your institution here, e.g.)* “We are joining in and are helping to digitize the names and biographical data of victims of Nazi persecution. This lifts them out of anonymity, out of the past, and brings them right into the present.” With the help of volunteers from around the world, the #everynamecounts initiative is creating the most comprehensive online archive on the victims and survivors of the Nazi system of terror.

**Take an active stand**

A PC and an internet connection: that is all you need in order to take part in the initiative – no specialist knowledge is required. Volunteers are guided through the archival documents on a crowdsourcing website which displays help texts to provide assistance. The documents come from concentration camps and show that the motives for persecution which existed during the Nazi period are still in existence today. “Every piece of information that is newly digitized is an expression of solidarity with the victims,” emphasizes Floriane Azoulay, Director of the Arolsen Archives. “So we are building a memorial on strong foundations provided by historical documents – for truth, and against racism and antisemitism.”

**Around 600,000 documents containing personal data**

To mark January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz extermination camp, the Arolsen Archives are making around 600,000 documents from various concentration camps available for the crowdsourcing project. They include a large number of prisoner registration cards and prisoner registration forms containing important data and biographical information such as prisoners’ places of birth. The documents can also contain the names of prisoners’ relatives – sometimes this is the last remaining trace of them before they were murdered: places of extermination such as Auschwitz-Birkenau or Majdanek are sometimes listed as the "places of residence" of prisoners’ parents or siblings.

**A growing number of volunteers**

The Arolsen Archives launched #everynamecounts as a pilot project in 2020. Over 10,000 registered volunteers have already taken part. To reach even more people worldwide, three new languages have now been added: in addition to English and German, the project and all the information that goes with it is now also available in Spanish, Polish, and French. Another new feature is a digital guide that makes it easier to get started with #everynamecounts and is also suitable for use in the context of school projects.

***About the Arolsen Archives***

*The Arolsen Archives are an international center on Nazi persecution with the world's most comprehensive archive on the victims and survivors of National Socialism. The collection has information on about 17.5 million people and belongs to UNESCO's Memory of the World. It contains documents on the various victim groups targeted by the Nazi regime and is an important source of knowledge for society today.*

**Further links**

For more information about #everynamecounts and the Arolsen Archives, go to <https://arolsen-archives.org/en/> or use the links below:

To the project page: [aroa.to/enc-en](https://arolsen-archives.org/en/learn-participate/exhibitions-campaigns/everynamecounts/)

To the crowdsourcing platform [aroa.to/joinin](https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/arolsen-archives/every-name-counts)

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This link takes you to the online archive of the Arolsen Archives:

<https://collections.arolsen-archives.org/en/search/>