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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 “So we are building a memorial on strong foundations provided by historical documents – for truth, and against racism and antisemitism.”

**Thousands of documents containing personal data**

The Arolsen Archives are making thousands of 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.

**More and more supporters**

#everynamecounts started out in 2020 as a pilot project with around 1,000 students and soon became a great success as more and more people from all over the world began joining in. By January 2022, more than 22,000 registered users working on the crowdsourcing project from their homes had digitized over 5.1 million documents. More than 350 partners from the worlds of culture, business, and politics already support #everynamecounts. In 2022, the Arolsen Archives hope to attract even more volunteers and partners to the project and have launched a major media campaign to this end. They have also launched an educational initiative that aims to encourage as many schools as possible to join in and use #everynamecounts in the classroom.

***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**

More information about #everynamecounts:

<https://enc.arolsen-archives.org/en/>

Find out more about the work of the Arolsen Archives on our website:

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

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

**Press photos:**

<https://arolsen-archives.org/en/press/press-photos/>

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

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