

Educator Discussion Guide: Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Remembrance Institutions

This guide supports educators, tour guides, and programme developers in connecting historical education with contemporary global challenges. It includes discussion themes, activity ideas, and reflection questions aligned with UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) framework.

Why ESD Matters in Remembrance Institutions

Remembrance sites are more than places of historical learning — they are civic spaces where memory meets moral action. By embedding ESD, your programmes can empower visitors to reflect on discrimination, conflict, democracy, and human rights in today's world.

Themes to Explore and Discuss

Discrimination and Human Rights

- Use stories and laws from the past to explore how discrimination begins and how it's challenged.
-  Discussion question: What forms of discrimination do we see today — and how are they resisted?
-  Activity idea: Compare 1930s propaganda or exclusion laws with modern policies or media headlines.

Authoritarianism and Propaganda

- Examine how misinformation and fear helped authoritarian regimes rise.
-  Discussion question: How can we identify and challenge manipulation in today's media?
-  Activity idea: Explore propaganda posters or speeches and link them to current digital misinformation.

Migration and Exile

- Explore forced displacement during WWII and link it to global migration today.
-  Discussion question: What do the stories of WWII refugees teach us about compassion and responsibility?
-  Activity idea: Pair photos of displaced families from the past and present, and discuss similarities.

◆ **Courage and Resistance**

- Highlight those who stood up to injustice and reflect on what moral courage looks like now.
-  Discussion question: What does 'resistance' look like in everyday life?
-  Activity idea: Invite learners to identify acts of courage in their lives or community.

◆ **Global Citizenship and Peacebuilding**

- Encourage reflection on how remembrance fosters responsibility for a peaceful future.
-  Discussion question: What does it mean to be a global citizen?
-  Activity idea: Ask learners to design a poster or pledge for peace and inclusion in their context.