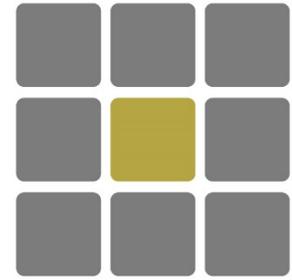
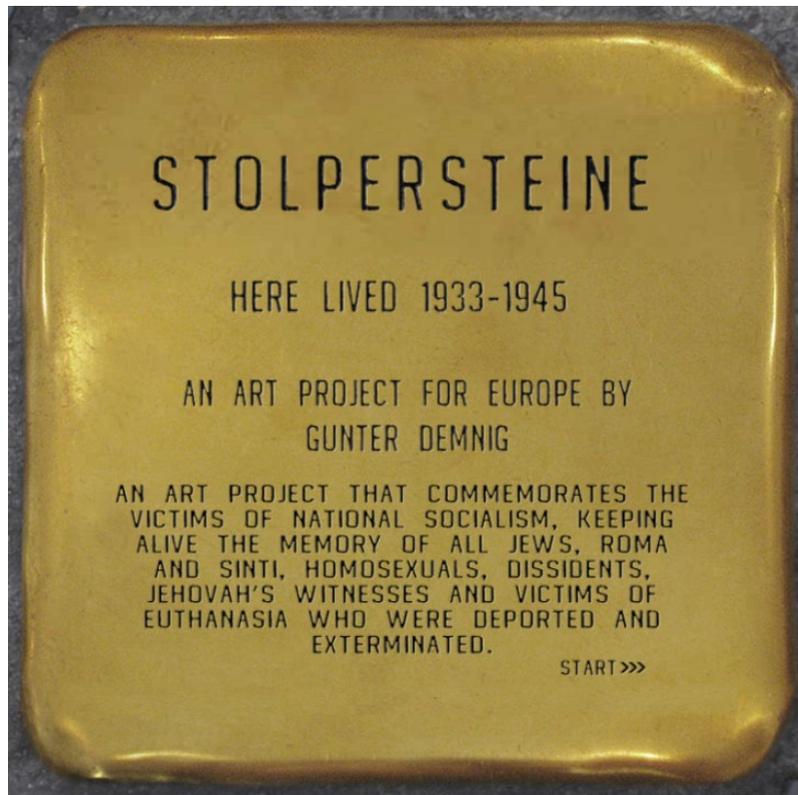


# STICHTING STOLPERSTEINE



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## 1. Introduction Stolperstein

A Stolperstein (German pronunciation: [ˈʃtɔlpɐ ˌʃtaɪn]; plural Stolpersteine; literally "stumbling stone", metaphorically a "stumbling block") is a set-size, 10 by 10cm concrete cube bearing a brass plate inscribed with the name and life dates of victims of Nazi extermination or persecution.

The Stolpersteine project, initiated by the German artist Gunter Demnig in 1992, aims to commemorate individuals at exactly the last place of residency—or, sometimes, work—which was freely chosen by the person before he or she fell victim to Nazi terror, euthanasia, eugenics, deportation to a concentration or extermination camp, or escaped persecution by emigration or suicide. As of 23 October 2018, 70,000 Stolpersteine have been laid making the Stolpersteine project the world's largest decentralized memorial.

The majority of Stolpersteine commemorate Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

Others have been placed for Sinti and Romani people, homosexuals, the physically or mentally disabled, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, black people, members of the Communist Party, the Social Democratic Party, and the anti-Nazi Resistance, the Christian opposition (both Protestants and Catholics), and Freemasons, along with International Brigade soldiers in the Spanish Civil War, military deserters, conscientious objectors, escape helpers, capitulators, "habitual criminals", looters, and others charged with treason, military disobedience, or undermining the Nazi military, as well as Allied soldiers.



*Gunter Demnig laying of Stolpersteine in the Javastraat, Amsterdam  
Foto: Jo Haen*

## 2. Objectives

The Stichting Stolpersteine has the following objectives:

- a. To keep the memory of the victims of National Socialism during and around World War II and the subsequent occupation and persecution by the Nazis alive by participating in the STOLPERSTEINE project by the artist Gunter Demnig. This is done by integrating brass plates at the same level as the sidewalk side walk for their last place of residence or other places to be determined. These memorial stones are reminiscent of the fate of people who were persecuted, murdered, deported, expelled or driven to suicide during the National Socialist era. One of the points for attention is the involvement of children and young people in the project to make the culture of remembrance clear and concrete. The Stolpersteine document the life stories of the people who were persecuted under National Socialism. The inscriptions are investigated and investigated together with the local initiatives and the associated archives. After the transfer, the biographies are entered into a database.
- b. supporting, completing and cooperating with organizations that aim to uphold the memory of the victims of National Socialism and / or pedagogical concepts for dealing with the past;
- c. the collection and making available of funds;
- d. the development of volunteer, sponsor and money collection programs to support the organization;
- e. that which is related to the foregoing or which may be beneficial to it, all in the broadest sense of the word.

The Stichting Stolpersteine is not intended to make any profit.

### 3. Goals

The Stichting Stolpersteine wants to achieve its goal by:

- close cooperation with the Gemeente Amsterdam
- close cooperation with companies, associations, individuals, volunteers and schools acquire sufficient financial resources to place the Stolpersteine.
- keeping alive the memory of the expulsion and destruction of victims as a result of national socialism in Europe, the Netherlands and Amsterdam in particular;
- participation in the Stolpersteine project, as initiated by Mr. Gunter Demnig;
- initiating educational programs about the Second World War for younger generations;
- performing all further actions that are related to the foregoing in the broadest sense or that may be conducive thereto.

### 4. Organisation

The Stichting Stolpersteine was founded on 28 January 2019.

The organisation is run by a Director and has three Supervisory Board members as control functions as well as advisors.

### 5. Current situation

The following numbers represent the current situation of Stolpersteine in Amsterdam (since 2013):

	173	placed in Amsterdam Oost
	303	placed in Amsterdam Zuid
	140	placed in Amsterdam Centrum
	5	placed in Amsterdam West
	5	placed in Amsterdam Noord
Open requests:	210	to be laid in 2020
	230	to be laid in 2021

## **6. Measures and projects**

In order to achieve the objective, the Stichting Stolpersteine consulted with the mayor of Amsterdam to start a close cooperation.

As the Stichting Stolpersteine intends to lay 210 of the requested Stolpersteine in 2020, coordination and funds are needed on this.

A lot of money is needed to lay the stones. To obtain financial resources, the various foundations and associations are approached for a contribution. National and provincial funds are being made available within the framework of 75-year Liberation, these funds will also be approached.

The memory of the National Socialism and other dictatorships must remain alive, especially now that the generation that has experienced the war itself is slowly dying out. The memory must live on in the generations of now and coming generations. We want to achieve this by involving education (primary and secondary) in the preparation of laying the Stolpersteine.