

Seeking Traces: Hall in Motion.

Research and Exhibition on Labor Migration in the Region of Hall in Tyrol (1960's until today)

Partners:

University of Innsbruck, Institute for Contemporary History

Municipal Museum Absam

City Archive Hall in Tyrol

City Museum Hall in Tyrol

Secondary School Rum

Public High School of the Franciscan Order Hall in Tyrol

Federal Commercial College and Commercial School Hall in Tyrol

Migration has become a key social issues. Although there can be no doubt that today's Austria is a migration society, this obvious fact is still debated and highly controversial in the political arena. But what does this mean with regard to the content and representation of the history of the Second Austrian Republic? Migrants bring along different experiences, historical memories and personal stories which have not become part of the conventional conception of history – on the contrary: they are rather suppressed. Moreover, the history of migration itself is still hardly visible in the public.

In the framework of the project the history of migrants and labor migration to the city of Hall in Tyrol and its region from the 1960's onwards will be researched and made visible through a public exhibition. Three different local schools cooperate with regional museums and the city archives in Hall in Tyrol under the direction of the Institute for Contemporary History at the University of Innsbruck. Based on student's research a mobile exhibition will be realized. Students of the participating schools will be integrated into the whole research and design process. With their experiences and everyday life knowledge they are considered as experts for the topic.

After the completion of the project, the mobile exhibition will be incorporated into the City Museum of Hall in Tyrol that is currently under renovation. Future additions and changes through follow-up school projects will be possible. Simultaneously, the project will foster sustainable and long-term cooperations between the different partner institutions. A close cooperation between local schools and regional museums represents a valuable benefit and can open new perspectives and opportunities for future students.