

PRESS RELEASE - 11 May 2019

Announcement of the winners of the 14th "Lidice for the 21st century" contest

The 14th edition of the international knowledge contest "Lidice for the 21st century" launched by the Lidice Memorial, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes and the Philosophical Faculty of Charles University ended up **with the following results:**

**I. category**

1. place: **Vodstrčilová Kateřina**, Gymnasium Ústí nad Orlicí
2. place: **Holubářová Viktorie**, Gymnasium Ústí nad Orlicí
3. place: **Nováková Julie**, Sports gymnasium Kladno

**II. category**

1. place: **Cúth Dávid**, Gymnasium Varšavská cesta
2. place: **Hofer Denis**, Gymnasium Varšavská cesta
3. place: **Švihlíková Julie**, Josefa Jungmann Gymnasium

**Prize of the Panel of Judges:**

**I. category**

**Bohatý Matouš**, First-level School Skuteč  
**Guriča Václav**, First-level School Humpolec  
**Kowalczyk Mateusz**, Szkoła Podstawowa nr 279 im.

**II. category**

**Benešová Anna**, Gymnasium Teplice  
**Bulánková Barbora**, Gymnasium Dr. Edvard Holub  
**Guričová Magdalena**, First-level School Humpolec

Interesting essays by contestants will be published on the website of the contest [www.lidice21.cz](http://www.lidice21.cz) by 12 June 2019.

About the contest

"Lidice for the 21st Century" is a knowledge and literary contest for children and young people from all over the world. Its purpose is to help preserve the memory of the people from the Central-Bohemian village of Lidice, who were murdered by German Nazis in 1942, and deepen awareness in the youngest generation of historical events related to WWII and totalitarian regimes of the 20th century.

This year's edition enjoyed participation of 2282 contestants from Czechia, Slovakia and Poland. From Poland, there were 86 participants from 18 schools. From Slovakia, there were 425 participants from 7 schools. The total number of registered schools was 115.

An extract from an award-winning essay:

After an hour children dropped off, so I am here alone again, with a cup of coffee and a word – traitor of their country. So, this is now a label for those who have been called heroes until recently, who risked their lives for their country, those who are now feared by the regime itself. I lean against the back of the chair and the creak reminds me that I have remained here. "It won't be easy, girl." This is what Grandpa used to say and he was damn right. For it was just the beginning, now it will get only worse. I light up, it's a bad habit, I almost got rid of it, but it's back now. I lick my lips, the salty taste of tears is mixed with tobacco. In the end, my own thoughts break me and move me to tears. You may not believe me, but I am at my wit's end, finito, конец, ende, what now? Silence.

Anna Benešová, category II

#### Prize-giving ceremony

The prize awards of the 14th edition of the contest to celebrate the winners, finalists and the most active schools will take place at St. Wenceslas' church in Opava on Wednesday, **5 June 2019**. All finalists will receive a certificate of participation and material prizes. The contestants awarded with special prizes for their essays will receive a glass sculpture and material prizes from partners of the contest. The winners of each category will receive a glass vase as the main prize. The contestants who have taken the first three places in each category will each receive a certificate with an indication of the category and the place as well as material prizes. The most active schools that have taken the first five places will receive complimentary tickets for up to 50 pupils to the Lidice Memorial or NCH Ležáky including an educational programme and some publications by the Lidice Memorial. On top of that, the first most active school will receive free bus transport to the prize-giving ceremony. The most active schools that have finished sixth to tenth will each receive publications by the Lidice Memorial. The award winners can also look forward to a tour of Opava and Ostrava from the afternoon of 5 June to the morning of 7 June 2019.

Those attending the prize-giving ceremony will be treated to a full and varied cultural programme. They will attend a performance by the band Zrní. Selected essays will be read by prominent Czech actors.

If a winner, a finalist or an active school is not present at the prize awards, their prizes will be sent to them by post.

Programme of the ceremonial announcement of results taking place at **St. Wenceslas' Church, Opava Cultural Organization – House of Art, Pekařská 12, 746 01 Opava**

#### **Official programme:**

10:00-10:45                      Registration of the finalists

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10.50                              **Flourish of trumpets**

10:51-10:53                      Welcome to guests, sponsors, winners, finalists and schools

10:53 – 11:00                      Speeches by guests

11:00 – 11:15                      **Presentation of the project "Hidden Stories"**

11:15 – 11:20	About the contest
11:20 – 11:35	Prize awards to the finalists
11:35 – 11:40	Reading of the awarded essays
11:40 – 11:45	Presentation of the Jury Awards
11:45 – 11:50	Reading of the awarded essays

### **Flourish of trumpets**

11:55 – 12:05	Presentation of the prizes to the winners in both categories and to the most active schools
12:05 – 12:35	<b>Music performance by Zrní</b>
12:35 – 12:40	Concluding address and invitation to a tour of the Historical Building of the Silesian Museum and the World War II Memorial at Hrabyně.
12:40	<b>Flourish of trumpets</b>

### Side events

13:15 – 17:00	Tour of the Historical Building of the Silesian Museum and the World War II Memorial at Hrabyně. As part of the morning registration, schools will receive the time schedule and the plan of the tour. The tour will be organized.
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Selected essays will be read by prominent Czech actors (Máša Malá and Norbert Lichý).

**After the prize-giving ceremony, the finalists, the winners and organized school groups will receive a baguette and a drink.**

For individual participants and small groups arriving by public transport, bus transport will be arranged from Opava to Hrabyně to a guided tour of the World War II Memorial and subsequently from Hrabyně to Opava for transport connections.

**The winners and the authors of the award-winning essays will receive free accommodation in Opava from 5 to 7 June. On 5 June 2019 at 6 p.m., after the tour for the participants of the prize-giving ceremony, an early evening programme for the award winners will take place in the Historical Building of the Silesian Museum. The two-day trip of the winners will include a visit to Česká televize and Svět Techniky in Opava. The winners will attend an educational programme of the Silesian Museum and a guided tour of Opava. Detailed information will be sent to the winners by email.**

**Co-initiators:**



**Partners of the contest:**

