

Peace Road in Upper Austria

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For the third time UPF Upper Austria could organize and realize the Peace Road in cooperation with the three communities St. Ulrich near Steyr, Ternberg and Reichraming and their political representatives.





This time the Peace Road was run as a rally and started from two places simultaneously. One group gathered in front of the Peace Memorial in St. Ulrich, the second group in front of the Peace Bridge in Reichraming.





Halt in between in front of the Waldensians Memorial (600 years ago the Waldensians were sentenced to death by fire or to life imprisonment because of their faith.)



The two groups had to cycle about 20 km to the common meeting point at the memorial site of a sub-camp of Mauthausen concentration camp in Ternberg. The cyclists were received by the mayor with a snack and a music ensemble.



This year's Peace Road was under the motto „Detoxification of Language“. After all cyclists had arrived in Ternberg the internationally awarded author Anna Mitgutsch gave a lecture on the topic: The Path to Peace Leads over Language. She showed the importance of language in the process of consciousness. “The language is a highly sensitive instrument, which must not be misused with impunity ... Whoever changes the language, changes thinking and thus clears the way for acting.”

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