

BIOGRAPHY

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Testimony based learning activities – the IWitness platform

Mónika Mezei taught history and Latin language at Berzsenyi Dániel Secondary School, Budapest. She gained her MA and Ph.D degree at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. In 2012, she took part in the programme “Teaching with Testimony in the 21st Century” and since the beginning of 2014, she has been a USC Shoah Foundation Master Teacher, and a consultant and a content developer for Zachor Foundation for Social Remembrance, an educational NGO in Hungary. She is the author of several multimedia educational materials and a leader of seminars for teachers on using multimedia education resources in Holocaust Education. As a teacher-researcher, she took part in exploring the impact of multimedia materials in teaching.

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