

The Neuengamme Monument

A central aim of the Amicale Internationale de Neuengamme (AIN), which was founded in 1958, was the erection of a large, impressive monument. After the 15th anniversary celebrations of the camp's liberation, the Hamburg Senate finally gave its consent, and in 1963 it accepted a proposal which the AIN had chosen from entries to a competition. The Hamburg sections of the persecutees' associations officially complained about their exclusion from the negotiations and demanded that the Senate independently finance a more simple memorial. The AIN finally agreed to the Hamburg plans in order not to delay the realisation of a monument any further. But they did insist on setting up the bronze statue "The Fallen Man", which they gave to the City of Hamburg as a present immediately before the inauguration of the monument on 7 November 1965.