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## 30 years since the Wall came down in Berlin

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It's been 30 years since the Wall came down. On 9 November 1989, Berlin was reunited. The Berlin Wall fell, it was the end of the enormous border complex that left Berlin divided into East and West for 28 years, separating families, friends and neighbors.

Today, Berlin is a city of freedom, opportunity and individuality. It was not always the case. The Berlin Wall began to be built on 13 August 1961.

Overnight, it modified an entire nation. It stood as a symbol of a divided city and country, of terror and the Cold War. The fall of the Wall on 9 November 1989 was the best day of their lives for many people: it was the day they recovered their freedom through a Peaceful Revolution.

The Berlin Wall Memorial's multimedia exhibition offers a fascinating insight into the construction of the Berlin Wall, life with the Wall, and the Fall of the Wall and it is the main memorial site of German division.

In the week from 6 to 13 October 2019, the German Embassy in Rome and other cultural Institutions narrated the fall of the Wall in over twenty Italian cities, with over 100 events - concerts, exhibitions, shows and meetings, educational moments

dedicated to socializing and entertainment.

The Non-profit organisation "Die kulturellen Erben e.V." makes the Wall talk and mobilises people to participate utilizing:

- Video including original graffiti art gets the message of the Wall across
- Online generator tool to create individual freedom messages on social media
- "Die kulturellen Erben" and its founder Ibo Omari call for more humanity and a peaceful togetherness.

On this occasion, the organization "Die kulturellen Erben e.V." raises the question: What message would the Wall have today if it had a voice? Artist and activist Ibo Omari and his colleagues of "Die kulturellen Erben" lend the Berlin Wall a voice: In a video the Wall talks about the sad and heartbreaking incidents

that happened during the German separation and calls for toleration and freedom. The Wall appeals to all humans: "Don't rebuild me - ever. Nowhere. Not even in your heads." The touching video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uczmt9qEcr4>

The graffiti that was sprayed on the Wall creates its message. It picks up the revolt against suppression and the urge for freedom of the desperate people during the times of the divide as well as the sentiments that

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were eternalized on the remains of the Wall in the last 30 years.

With this emotional and activating campaign, the association "Die kulturellen Erben" seeks to call for breaking existing walls everywhere in the world and to prevent that new ones will be build.

And it is not just about walls made of stone, but also about walls built in the heads of people. They are the source of exclusion and intolerance.

Everybody can send individual messages of freedom to the world

With the help of an online tool, people worldwide can generate individual messages based on the original graffiti letters sprayed on the Berlin Wall. That means everyone can create their own message of freedom to post on Instagram and facebook.

The online generator can be found here: <https://voiceofthewall.de/>

Created messages will be collected and turned into a book.

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