



WORKING FOR THE ENEMY – FORCED LABOUR IN THE THIRD REICH

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SYNOPSIS

Europe, 1930s: the Jewish Hertzberger family were living happily in Rotterdam. Just a few hundred kilometres away, young German Wilhelm Frank hoped for the resurgence of the German nation and became Hitler's supporter. Ellis Hertzberger and Wilhelm Frank represent the polar opposites that set the underlying tone for Lost Youth (Ep1). From numerous international perspectives, the award-winning writing duo of Matthias Schmidt and Vít Poláček tells the story of both, the victims and the perpetrators, in conversations with their children and grandchildren. A story of reconciliation in modern Europe.

In the name of Hitler, more than 13 million Europeans – in many cases mere children – were taken from their homes and forced to work for the enemy, Nazi Germany. This phenomenon was not confined to concentration camps: there was no German town, no German village that did not have forced labourers. From numerous international perspectives, this series traces the story of both, the...

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Matthias Schmidt, Vit Polacek (co-director)

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156 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

UNTER DEUTSCHEN –
ZWANGSARBEIT IM DRITTEN
REICH

FORMAL CATEGORIES

History, Conflicts, War/Peace,
Human Rights, Migration

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Series

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Dutch, German, Czech, French,
Polish, Ukrainian

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