The IPN New Technology Zone at the Museum of Armoured Weapons in Poznań

Poland’s National Independence Day is a time for special reflection on the country’s history, its path to freedom and the fate of generations whose courage, determination and sacrifice helped preserve the nation’s identity. On 11 November, the Museum of Armoured Weapons in Poznań hosted an open day, during which visitors had the opportunity to experience an exceptional approach to modern history education through the IPN New Technology Zone.

History education speaks the language of today

The celebrations of Poland’s National Independence Day provide an excellent opportunity to recall that history is more than a record of past events. It is also a space in which civic attitudes are shaped, a sense of community is fostered and values are passed on to future generations. Modern technologies offer new possibilities for history education, enabling people not only to learn historical facts but also to experience the past in an engaging and multifaceted way.

During the open day at the Museum of Armoured Weapons, visitors could explore all the projects developed by the New Technology Division and discover the variety of forms that contemporary history education can take. Each project tells a different story from Poland’s past while demonstrating how new technologies can be creatively harnessed in the service of historical education.

From interactive gameplay to historical quizzes

A visit to the New Technology Zone is about more than simply playing educational games and using apps. Once they had completed the activities, participants could test the knowledge they had gained by taking dedicated quizzes. This allowed them to discover how effectively engaging gameplay can be combined with learning about the past.

From history to an immersive experience

The presence of the IPN New Technology Division at the Museum of Armoured Weapons carries particular significance. Bringing together two different yet complementary approaches to presenting historical heritage demonstrates that the past can be brought closer to audiences in many ways, combining traditional forms of storytelling with the possibilities offered by modern technology. On the one hand, there are tangible historical artefacts preserved in museum collections; on the other, digital tools that create opportunities for immersive history education.

Technology does not replace traditional ways of exploring history; rather, it complements them. It significantly enriches the educational process, facilitates a better understanding of historical context and fosters an emotional connection with the past. Interactivity, the opportunity to discover individual stories and historical figures independently, and the immersive nature of these experiences mean that visitors are no longer merely observers but become active participants in the historical narrative.

On 11 November, the day commemorating the restoration of Poland’s independence, the IPN New Technology Division invited visitors to discover history together through modern technology. The open day at the Museum of Armoured Weapons provided a unique opportunity to reflect on how the nation’s heritage can be effectively passed on to future generations.

The New Technology Zone among the event highlights

The programme featured a wide range of activities for visitors of all ages. Participants could attend historical presentations, listen to lectures on national symbols and the history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and learn about Poland’s path to independence during a special mini museum lesson. The programme also included demonstrations, crosswords, Independence Day quizzes and an art competition for the youngest visitors.

One of the main attractions was a demonstration of the ZSU-57-2 self-propelled anti-aircraft gun, which gave visitors an opportunity to explore its interior. Guests could also meet authors of historical publications and enjoy numerous activities organised by partner institutions.

We would like to thank everyone who visited the Museum of Armoured Weapons in Poznań on 11 November and joined us in celebrating Poland's National Independence Day. We were truly impressed by the scale of the event, the variety of attractions on offer and the tremendous interest shown by visitors. We are delighted to have been part of this exceptional initiative.

Explore the educational projects of the IPN New Technology Division

All games and apps are available to download free of charge, while the historical quizzes can also be completed online. Immersive history education is available not only at the IPN New Technology Zone but also at everyone's fingertips, wherever and whenever they choose.



Reenactors take part in educational projects run by the New Technology Division.



A young person is using a PC workstation, while nearby, adults are looking at promotional materials.



In the foreground, an IPN research report; in the background, a young person using a PC workstation.



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