“Learn their stories” -
Memorial for Kontea’s missing and murdered
The 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus

- A divided country
- 200,000+ displaced
- Over 5,000 killed and 1,619 missing
- Homes and properties lost
- Historical heritage lost

Kontea is now in the occupied part of Cyprus
Losses endured

- Loss of origin and roots
- Loss of identity
- Loss of social network
- Loss of permanence
- Loss of status/property
- Loss of home ownership
- Loss of a house
- Loss of a way of life
- Loss of a loved one
- Loss of being carefree
- Loss of choice

The trauma of displacement carries through for generations
47 years later - Land for memorial in Larnaca
Process

Reviews

Memorials around the world

Archives for Kontea

Archives for the missing & murdered

Consultations

- Families of the missing and murdered
- Members and leaders of Kontea
- Neighbors to the site
- Committee on Memorials from the Cyprus Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, and Youth
- Elementary school educators
- Artists, etc
Proposal – “Learn their stories”

• Young who died in battle
• Elderly, many disabled who could not leave
Original drawings showing tree in the center that symbolizes the village and a representation of the “wells” where many of the bodies were found.
View from the entrance and two of the proposed sculptures
Antoni's memorial is inspired from his last picture.
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