

Welcome to our August newsletter

If you have any colleagues who may be interested in the work of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust please pass this newsletter on and encourage them to join our mailing list. Do feel free to contact us at any time with queries or suggestions. We are always happy to hear from you.

Call us on [0845 838 1883](tel:08458381883) or email enquiries@hmd.org.uk

2008 Theme Now Online

Imagine ::

remember reflect react

The theme for HMD08 is "**IMAGINE...remember, reflect, react**" and this theme challenges us all to imagine the unimaginable. It asks us to focus on the lives and experience of victims and survivors of the Holocaust; of Nazi persecution and of other genocides.

It invites us to find **new and creative** ways to express this experience through art and media. It marvels at the resilience of enterprise, culture and of life itself in the face of destruction. Ultimately it is a call to action for us all to:

- Remember** the past
- Reflect** on the present
- React** to create a better future

The theme paper is available to download free of charge online at www.hmd.org.uk

Date for your diary - HMDT is hosting a conference in Glasgow for trainee and newly qualified teachers on 22 October. For more details contact enquiries@hmd.org.uk

Firing The Imagination HMDT Youth Conference 20th September 2007

This is an interactive conference for young people to explore the theme for HMD08 "**Imagine... remember, reflect, react**". The venue will be the New Vic Theatre in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Each participant will join a series of creative sessions. Here the themes drawn out of the HMD education pack for 2008 will be explored through visual art, drama, dance, creative writing and music.

Delegates will work together on a collage of music and all become composers who create together a new "Imagine" theme which schools may use in their own commemoration.



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At the end of the day there will be a plenary session with everyone asked to go back to schools and colleges and share ideas with others.

Time for reflection and discussion will be built into the day. Everyone will be given a certificate of participation and a free resource pack to take back to their school or college.

Admission is free and to book your place contact the New Vic Box Office on 01782 717962.

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust - Here to Help

Members of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust team are happy to help with your event organisation in any way possible from advising on lesson plans for schools, to offering suggested reading materials and helping to point you towards other organisations which can help with your planning.

We are also happy to come to meet you to discuss how you can best commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day in your community. Please call any member of our team on **0845 838 1883** or email enquiries@hmd.org.uk

You can also access information from our website www.hmd.org.uk and sign up for an account pointing you towards the most suitable resources for your needs.

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Imagine... remember reflect react

HMDT Short Film Competition

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust is running a short film competition for film-makers between the ages of 14 and 25.

Films should last between 45 and 90 seconds and be based on the theme for HMD08 "Imagine... remember, reflect, react" or on the objectives of HMD.

There are two age ranges 14-18 and 19-25 and entries can come from individuals or groups of up to 4.

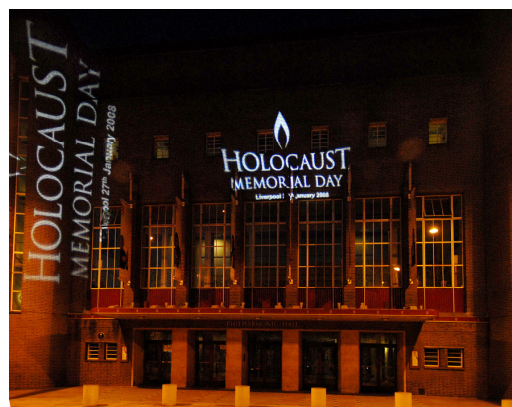
Films can be live action, documentary or animation.

The closing date for entries will be 16 November 2007 and winners will be announced in mid-December. The winning films will form part of HMD08 commemorations across the country.

For more details, an entry form and full terms and conditions please visit www.hmd.org.uk or call 0845 838 1883.

Liverpool to Host HMD08

The national commemoration for Holocaust Memorial Day 2008 will be held in Liverpool on Sunday 27th January 2008. We are delighted to be working with Liverpool City Council and working with the City so early in its year as European Capital of Culture. We are looking forward to an exciting and inspirational programme of events led by artistic director Philip Parr and project co-ordinators Angharad Williams and Kathryn Dempsey.



Srebrenica Memorial Room opens in Bosnia Herzegovina

The Srebrenica Memorial Room – a museum-type memorial space created with expertise from the Imperial War Museum – can now be visited opposite the Srebrenica-Potocari Memorial and Cemetery in Bosnia Herzegovina.

The Memorial Room was designed by the Sarajevo-based architectural collective *.arch* and consists of two black towers – one presenting a continuously running film, the other containing twenty showcases telling the stories of twenty of those who died.

For information on the Imperial War Museum's involvement in the Memorial Room please call 0207 416 5204 or e mail sbardgett@iwm.org.uk . To visit the Memorial Room, phone 00 387 56 440 082/ 826.

The Nicholas Winton Project

The London Jewish Cultural Centre will be offering **FREE OF CHARGE** to all secondary schools in the UK an educational pack consisting of the Emmy-winning DVD *The Power of Good*, the book *The Lottery of Life* and an accompanying teachers' guide. This pack will enable teachers and pupils to discover and learn the amazing story of Nicholas Winton's rescue operation which saved the lives of 669 children from Czechoslovakia in 1939. For further information or to order a pack (available from September 2007) please contact Rachel at LJCC directly on 020 8457 5009 or Rachel@ljcc.org.uk



Double Portraits

Kirklees Museums and Galleries now have available film portraits of six meetings between Holocaust survivors and refugees living in Yorkshire. Generously and movingly, they share their experiences with each other.

The film asks us to imagine that what happened in Auschwitz or Bosnia did not take place on some distant planet but in countries where people like us made the wrong choices.



The Holocaust shows how discrimination can escalate into persecution. Each person should take time to get to know a stranger. This is very important now, more important than ever. Evil succeeds when good people do nothing.

Ibi Ginsburg (Auschwitz survivor from Hungary)

The world is one. Every country in the world is associated with other countries so we must look after each other. **Zenebu Dubale (Refugee from Ethiopia)**

This ground breaking DVD will be of particular value to students aged 13 and over studying history, religious studies, citizenship, media studies and literature.

Cost: £5.00 to cover expenses. To order a DVD please contact Kim Strickson on 01484 223811 kim.strickson@kirklees.gov.uk. Please make cheques payable to Kirklees MBC