

Welcome to our October 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

Education and Local Activity Guidelines Now Available

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The HMD08 guidelines packs for Education and Local Activities are now both available. If you have recently ordered copies we will have these with you as soon as possible, however the post strike will cause some delays.

The local activity pack contains information on HMD and HMDT, the HMD Statement of Commitment, the theme paper "**IMAGINE... remember, reflect, react**" and advice on organising events in your local community.

Education materials include the same general materials and a series of letters to young people by survivors of the Holocaust, genocide and hate crime. The pack also includes lesson plans and assemblies/collective worship.

You can order free copies of either pack by calling [0845 838 1883](tel:08458381883) or emailing enquiries@hmd.org.uk.



You can also still order copies of the 2007 commemorative book which lists all of the events which took place for HMD 2007.

Using Our Imagination

HMDT will be holding a conference for teachers and trainee teachers on 22nd October. The conference will offer practical guidance on how teachers can develop the theme for HMD08. Workshops will focus on creativity and will include:

Creativity and the Holocaust
Working with survivor testimony
The Holocaust across the curriculum
The Holocaust and collective memory
Using HMD resources

Places at the conference which will be held at **Glasgow City Chambers** are free of charge and can be booked by calling [0845 838 1883](tel:08458381883) or emailing enquiries@hmd.org.uk.

Pledge Against Genocide

Genocide Watch are asking individuals to make the following Pledge Against Genocide

1. I pledge to do my part to end genocide: the intentional destruction, in whole or in part, of a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group.
2. I commit myself never to be a passive bystander to genocide anywhere.
3. I promise to report any signs of the approach of a genocide to government officials, to the press, and to organisations that can take action to prevent it.
4. I will protest the acts of planners and perpetrators of genocide. I will not remain silent about their incitement of hate crimes, mass murders and other acts of genocide.
5. I will assist the victims of genocide and will help them escape from their killers. I will support the victims with humanitarian relief.
6. I will not stop my protests against a genocide until that genocide is stopped.
7. I will support lawful measures to prevent, suppress and punish the crime of genocide in accordance with the Genocide Convention.

For more information visit www.genocidewatch.org

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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.

Advice For Local Authorities

HMDT has produced advice for councils in Scotland and England on how to incorporate HMD into equalities and diversity strategies. Members of the HMDT team will be happy to discuss how HMD can complement your own strategies.

The advice can be ordered by emailing louise.hector@hmd.org.uk or calling 0845 838 1883. You can also download this advice from the HMDT website www.hmd.org.uk.

Advice for Welsh and Northern Irish councils will be made available later in the year.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and events will be held across the country to mark the Month. Look out for details of local events on your local council website, your local papers or in libraries.

Please let us know of your forthcoming HMD08 events by registering them on our website www.hmd.org.uk/events or emailing enquiries@hmd.org.uk. If your school is holding a large event we may like to use it as a case study - if you would be happy with this please contact hmd@geronimocommunications.com

Anne Frank + You Exhibition

The Anne Frank + You exhibition is available for the immediate post-HMD period in February and March 2008.

Anne Frank + You presents contemporary issues, including racism in football, the right to wear religious symbols, bullying and the plight of child soldiers, achieved through interviews with British teenagers and photographic documentary evidence.



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After viewing the contemporary panels, the visitor follows the life story of Anne, a presentation of the Holocaust and other more recent genocides. The exhibition's dramatic core offers all visitors the opportunity to enter a virtually life size replica of Anne's room in the Secret Annexe.

The exhibition addresses social problems including racism, prejudice and anti-social behaviour. They present visitors, particularly young people, with questions about themselves, how they see others and how they deal with situations of conflict.

For more details please call the Anne Frank Trust UK on 020 7284 5858.

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](tel:08458381883) 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.

The Counterfeiters

A new film is being released soon looking at the experiences of concentration camp prisoners forced to counterfeit Sterling and Dollars in the biggest counterfeit money scam of all times.



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During the last years of the war, as the Reich saw that the end was near, the authorities decided to produce their own banknotes in the currencies of their major war enemies. They hoped to use the duds to flood the enemy economy and fill the empty war coffers.

At the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, two barracks were separated from the rest of the camp and transformed into a fully equipped counterfeiter's workshop. Prisoners were brought from other camps to implement the plan including professional printers, bank officials and simple craftsmen. They had the choice: if they cooperated with the enemy, they had a chance to survive, as first-class prisoners in a "golden cage" with enough to eat and a bed to sleep in. If they sabotaged the operation, a sure death awaited them. For THE COUNTERFEITERS, it was not only a question of saving their own lives, but also about saving their conscience as well.

The film opens across the country on October 12th and you can read more on www.thecounterfeitersfilm.com

IBUKA

IBUKA UK is a new charity which works to serve three main purposes:

- Striving to ensure that the lessons of the 1994 Rwandan genocide are not lost to history.
- Addressing the needs of genocide survivors in the UK, specifically by providing advice on health, housing, education and other social issues.
- Working to provide recreational opportunities for survivors as a means of helping them reclaim their lives.

IBUKA UK intend to contribute to building a world free of genocide and other crimes against humanity. A world where memories of genocide are kept alive, a world where survivors of genocide are supported.

For more information visit www.ibuka.org.uk or email info@ibuka.org.uk

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