



Welcome to our August 2008 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. Please contact us at any time with queries or suggestions. We are always happy to hear from you. Call us on **0845 838 1883** or email enquiries@hmd.org.uk

Free Community Organiser Guidelines Now Available

The Community Organiser Guidelines pack for HMD09 is now available **free of charge** from HMDT. These guidelines include a copy of the HMD09 theme "**Stand up to Hatred**", two A3 posters, more information about the Holocaust and genocide and advice on running an event in your local community.

These packs are free of charge, however we will be limiting the amount of packs sent to each organisation to a maximum of 10. In order to help us save postage costs please only order the number of packs you require.



You can download additional copies from our website at <http://www.hmd.org.uk/files/1217326066-215.pdf>

Additional A5 booklets from the pack can be ordered for you to give away and further materials suitable for display and distribution will be ready later in the year.

Please order your packs by emailing enquiries@hmd.org.uk or calling 0845 838 1883. You can also still order copies of the HMD08 Commemorative book which lists almost 500 events which took place earlier this year.

HMDT Annual Conference

Thank you to everyone who attended the HMDT Annual Conference in Bournemouth earlier this summer. It was both an enjoyable and informative day with moving contributions from Holocaust survivor Mark Goldfinger and Rev Werner Oder, an Austrian who grew up in a Nazi family and whose father was an SS officer in Rabka - Mark's hometown.

The afternoon session saw a lively session with discussions on how to use the theme of "Stand up to Hatred". Some of the ideas that came out of that session and which may help when planning your event were:

- As hatred is based on fear, it was suggested that organisers work out who was feared in the local area, and invite that community (e.g. asylum seekers/refugees) to their event
- Build transparent communities – ensure even involvement of local groups and have a unity of vision
- Teach very young people not to hate

South Yorkshire and Midlands Holocaust Memorial Book

The Sheffield and Midlands Association of Jewish Refugee groups are currently collating a register of names from people in the South Yorkshire, East Midlands and West Midlands areas whose family members died in the Holocaust.

The names, together with photographs (where possible) and short histories, will be included in a Memorial Book which will be on permanent display in Sheffield and Birmingham. Copies of the book will be distributed to members and used for education, ensuring that those who perished will not be forgotten and will be remembered by future generations.

If you would like your family names (parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins) to be included in the South Yorkshire and Midlands Memorial Book please contact Anthony Kaddish (Sheffield and South Yorkshire) 0114 2367958 or Bob Norton (Nottingham and East Midlands) 01159 212494 or Fred Austin (Birmingham and West Midlands) 01384 252310.

It is hoped that the South Yorkshire and Midlands Memorial Book will be launched for Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2009.



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One Society Many Cultures – Picture Perfect Diversity

The National Assembly Against Racism with the public services trade union, UNISON, are holding a national photographic competition.

Today's multicultural Britain is the result of centuries of migration of people who have made this island their home for an array of reasons. Some have escaped persecution; others have sought a better life, while some were invited to rebuild Britain after the devastation of the Second World War. Britain's diversity is represented in its broadest sense with people from different faiths, cultures and ethnicities.

NAAR and UNISON's Picture Perfect Diversity photography competition is attempting to gather images that illustrate multicultural Britain in its everyday expression. Entries are welcome from amateurs and professionals alike to share pictures of multicultural diversity at its best.

For full rules visit the NAAR website:

<http://www.naar.org.uk/multiculturalism/article.asp?nCODE=080601>

Book Group Activities Online

New book group activities for adult and younger readers is now available on the HMDT website.

<http://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/cat/22/>

We have recently added discussion questions for popular novel "The Book Thief" which has received glowing reviews from a number of book critics. Philip Ardagh wrote in the Guardian *"Unsettling, thought-provoking, life-affirming, triumphant and tragic, this is a novel of breathtaking scope, masterfully told. It is an important page-turner, I cannot recommend it highly enough."*



Other books also recently added include "My Name is Bosnia" and "The Secret Purposes" for adults and "Kommandant's Girl" and "The Mozart Question" for student readers.

Diary Date

Tuesday 28th October

A commemorative concert to mark the 70th Anniversary of Kristallnacht is to be held at the Barbican Hall. The programme will include Kaddish Symphony No.3 by Leonard Bernstein and will be performed by the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra. Tickets from £10 - £45. Proceeds will go to The Holocaust Centre/Aegis Trust. More information can be found at:

<http://www.holocaustcentre.net/kaddish>

www.hmd.org.uk

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 assemblies and lesson plans for schools, to offering suggested reading materials and helping to point you towards other organisations which can help with your planning.

Please call any member of our team on [0845 838 1883](tel:08458381883) or email enquiries@hmd.org.uk

6 million+ Exhibition Available For Hire

Kirklees Museums and Galleries' powerful installation, **6 Million +**, created to illustrate the scale of the Holocaust and other genocides since the Second World War, is available for hire from January 2009.

Buttons were contributed by schools, individuals, community organisations and businesses, not just in Kirklees, but all over the country. In partnership with Leeds artist Antonia Stowe, Kirklees Museums and Galleries created the installation as a way of encouraging all ages and cultures to remember the past and be careful with the future.



6 million+ on display at Brent Cross Shopping Centre © Kirklees Council

This major work was displayed at Newcastle's Guild Hall as part of the national Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration held in the city in 2007 and at Brent Cross Shopping Centre in Barnet earlier this year where it was seen by thousands of people.

If any local authority, gallery, museum or university is interested in booking **6 million +** for HMD 2009, please contact Kim Strickson by email kim.strickson@kirklees.gov.uk or by phone: 01484 223811

HMD Welcomes New Honorary President



The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust is pleased to announce that Ben Helfgott MBE is now the Honorary President of the Trust.

Ben is a Holocaust survivor and Chair of the '45 Aid Society of Holocaust Survivors. Established in 1963, the Society consists mainly of Survivors from concentration camps who came to England in 1945/6 and other who have immigrated subsequently.

Ben is also a former British Olympian who competed in the 1956 and 1960 Olympics in lightweight weightlifting competitions. Ben was a bronze medallist in the 1958 Commonwealth Games.