



Your Trade Union and Holocaust Memorial Day 2012



David Cole, President of Wolverhampton, Bilston and District Trades Union Council addresses a Holocaust Memorial Day event in Wolverhampton.
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'We bore witness, and still bear witness today, for human dignity and justice.'

Gustav Schiefer, former Chairman of Munich Branch, German Trade Union Association

Under the Nazi regime of 1933-1945, Trade Unionists paid a heavy price for their values as many were persecuted and imprisoned in concentration camps. Today, trade union members continue to combat the actions and language of hatred by choosing to speak out against prejudice. Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 offers an opportunity for reflection on past atrocities and the chance to come together to create a safer, better future.

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Speak Up, Speak Out – HMD 2012

On Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 January – we challenge hatred and persecution in the UK today as we share the memory of the millions who have been murdered in the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

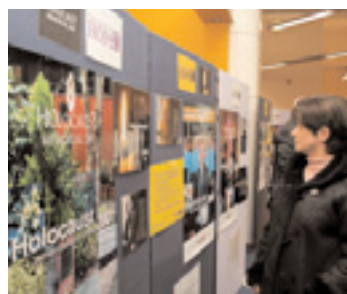
On Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 communities will come together to **Speak Up, Speak Out**. In the past, nations and communities have remained silent whilst millions around them have been persecuted. Today in the UK, we are asking individuals and communities to speak out against racism and discrimination, and to challenge those who use the language of hatred.

There are lots of ways Trade Unions can mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 and overleaf you'll find some further information on how to get involved.



'Bad economic conditions and social inequality have always been a fertile breeding ground for bigotry and hatred against any group seen as different - Holocaust Memorial Day is an important chance to remind ourselves of the horrendous consequences that such hatred can lead to, and instead to strengthen our commitment to promote solidarity and equality for all. These are fundamental trade union principles and that is why the TUC warmly welcomes the message delivered each year by HMD.'

Brendan Barber, General Secretary, TUC



A Holocaust Memorial Display in Enfield ©Enfield Council

What can Trade Unions do for HMD 2012?

Many Trade Unions members in the UK have celebrated the work they do by participating in Holocaust Memorial Day. You can:

- exhibit HMDT posters in places of work and create displays with our free images from our online library
- add articles or testimonies for HMD 2012 to your branch websites or intranets
- ask your fellow members to sign the HMD 2012 pledge at speakupnow.org.uk

For more ideas and advice visit www.hmd.org.uk/events. Or contact us directly – we're always here to help and would be delighted to hear from you.

Resources for you

Pastor Niemoller's 'First They Came' poem inspired the HMD 2012 theme; why not read this on HMD 2012. www.hmd.org.uk/resources/poetry/first-they-came-pastor-martin-niemoller

Esther Brunstein's father was a Trade Union leader murdered by the Nazis. www.hmd.org.uk/resources/survivor-stories/holocaust-testimony-esther-brunstein

The Nazi party dissolved all German Trade Unions on coming to power – on HMD 2012, find out why. www.hmd.org.uk/genocides/dates-to-remember/dissolution-of-german-trade-unions

Your next steps?

- order your free Campaign Pack and handout booklets by calling us on **0845 838 1883**
- contact us if you need any advice
- however big or small your activity is we want to know - list your activity on the HMD site www.hmd.org.uk/events
- sign our pledge at speakupnow.org.uk