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What is Holocaust Memorial Day?

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27th January each year and is the international day of remembrance for victims and survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

On it we commemorate victims of the Holocaust and of subsequent genocides, in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. We honour survivors and commit to tackling prejudice, discrimination and racism in the present day.

Nazi ideology was founded on racism, anti-semitism and discrimination, creating a fascist state that rejected human and civil rights. The evils of prejudice, discrimination and intolerance continue to exist in Britain today. We categorise, stereotype, discriminate, exclude, bully, persecute, attack - because of race, religion, Disability, sexuality. We damage, and are damaged, as a result of our refusal to accept our common humanity. We murder. Nations commit genocide. HMD acts as a reminder to all of us of our responsibility to protect the civil and human rights of all people in our society and across the world.

Who are the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust?

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) is a national charitable trust formed in 2005. Our vision is that the Holocaust and subsequent genocides are known; that victims are commemorated and the lessons are learnt and translated into contemporary action in the UK.

HMDT is responsible for the annual, national commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day. In addition we assist, promote and support HMD events and projects in local communities and educational institutions. HMDT raises awareness, informs and educates about the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance - especially to issues of racism; prejudice and discrimination.

HMDT provide free resources centered on a theme for HMD, which can be used in education and community events. The HMDT website (www.hmd.org.uk) contains a wealth of resources including images, poetry, survivor testimony and artwork which provide a vital resource for those wishing to find out more.



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Holocaust Memorial Day 2009 has been the most successful yet. Over 500 events took place to mark the Day in the UK and there were more than 2 million visits to the HMDT website in January 2009. Scores of individuals attended HMD activities in local town halls, in schools and colleges, in libraries and museums, in places of worship and in communities. Each and every one of these individuals made a choice on HMD09. They chose to **Stand up to Hatred**. They remembered those who were persecuted and murdered during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides and considered how hatred affects our lives today.

In the UK we do not live in the circumstances of those facing genocide. We live in more fortunate times, where the opportunity to make a difference exists. Britain today is not remotely like Nazi-occupied Europe or Pol Pot's Cambodia. But hatred is here, real and dangerous. As a part of our commitment to learn from the past, HMDT urged everyone around the UK to recognise the signs of hatred, to oppose the language of hatred when we hear or read it, and to make the personal and national pledge to **Stand up to Hatred** now and in the future.

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust provides free advice and resources for those organising educational and community HMD activities, we promote awareness of Holocaust Memorial Day nationally and internationally. We do not work alone. The vast network of organisers throughout the UK take our messages further than we can. With their help, HMD is becoming a key event in the equalities and education calendars, providing an opportunity for us all to come together to learn the lessons of the past to create a better future.

27th January 2010 will mark the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. At this key milestone, we will be asking individuals throughout the UK to pause and to listen to the voices of the survivors, and make their hopes and experiences part of our shared future.

We hope that the events you will read about in our HMD09 commemorative book inspire you - to **Stand up to Hatred**, to continue your HMD activities, to join us and become involved in HMD 2010. You can contact any of the HMDT Team on **0845 838 1883** to discuss the ways that you can be a part of creating a better future.

With best wishes

Dr Stephen D Smith MBE

Chair, Holocaust Memorial Day Trust

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Channel Islands

The Channel Islands were the only British territory to have been occupied by the Nazis and between August 1940 and August 1944 over 570 Islanders were arrested and deported to German prisons and concentration camps. 22 people from Jersey and at least 9 from Guernsey were murdered in the camps or perished as a result of the persecution they received.

On HMD each year residents of the Channel Islands remember how the Holocaust affected their communities.

The annual Jersey HMD commemoration took place at the Occupation Tapestry Gallery and included an opening address by The Bailiff of Jersey, Sir Philip Bailhache and readings by members of the Jersey Arts Centre *youth* theatre. The Dean of Jersey led a group to the Lighthouse Memorial where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Island and representatives of the victims.

There were displays in the corridor and 2 libraries at the Guernsey College of Further Education, highlighting the issues of discrimination and human rights.

A service took place at the White Rock, Guernsey at a plaque that commemorates three Jewish women deported during the occupation who were murdered at Auschwitz.

Every year HMDT produces a number of free resources to be used as part of community events, in schools or for those who are interested in learning more about the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

Among the HMD09 resources were a series of posters introducing the theme and exploring the role propaganda, law and state can play in genocide as well as stories of those who resisted hatred. A series of postcards each with a different personal story was also produced. These resources are available to download from www.hmd.org.uk

Throughout the year the HMDT team continually add resources and ideas for events to the HMDT website. You can find suitable readings for commemoration services, suggested films for cinema screenings, book group activities, music and images that help to explain the horrors of what happened during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

All HMDT materials are free and suitable for use throughout the year and are available to download from the website. Visit www.hmd.org.uk for further information.



On 25 January 2009 I had the privilege to attend the national Holocaust Memorial Day event (HMD) in Coventry. Around the country, thousands of others were attending hundreds of local events. There were many voices, but a single, common message - we must remember the past, to enable us to build a better future together.

This year's HMD event was the first I have attended in my role as Government Minister for Community Cohesion. And it was my great honour to be invited to meet a number of survivors at a special reception, and there to pass on a message from the Prime Minister. I hope I will not embarrass those I met by saying that they are inspirational people, who deserve our full respect. The suffering they endured is unimaginable. But their lack of bitterness, and their uncompromising resolve to look ahead and to build a better future, is a lesson to us all.

These survivors embody the theme of HMD09: **Stand up to Hatred**. In the face of enormous challenge, they refused to capitulate. They are testimony to the power of the human spirit.

In Coventry, I heard a number of prominent people explaining how hatred can be pervasive; and how it can turn communities against each other, or even against themselves. Sir Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, and my colleague, Hazel Blears, both spoke about the importance of not letting lies and distortions take root.

It is good that easily-recognised people such as Sir Jonathan and Hazel spoke so forcefully on this subject. But it is also good, and no less important, that schoolchildren stood up to be counted at the same event. The purpose of HMD, after all, is not only to commemorate - though that is vital - but also to build. Today's children are tomorrow's citizens. It is they who will continue the struggle against hatred, whatever form it takes.

I am proud to be part of the human chain that learns lessons from the past, and passes on that learning to the next generation. That is why the Government funds the HMD Trust - so it can carry on its excellent work in this area. And that is why I was personally honoured to serve as Government Minister responding to a Parliamentary debate about the Holocaust in January, where MPs from all sides joined to discuss these vital issues.

And that is also why I continue to meet with people, support HMDT and visit places like The Holocaust Centre. I have not experienced the same suffering as the survivors I met; but I am utterly resolved to make sure that their message does not go unheard or unheeded. I will never become complacent about the challenges we face today.

I will join with you to **Stand up to Hatred**.

Sadiq Khan MP, Minister for Community Cohesion
Communities and Local Government



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East England

Education Events

Students at Ashyls School in Berkhamstead hosted an event for schools across Hertfordshire to mark HMD. Among the speakers was Rabbi Aaron Goldstein from Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue.

Over 150 people attended Samuel Whitbread Community College in Clifton, Bedfordshire for an event named **Stand up to Hatred**. An act of remembrance was led by Rabbi Daniela Thau and ended with a commitment to future generations, introduced by the Bishop of Bedford, the Rt Rev Richard Inwood.

Pupils from Streetfield Middle School in Dunstable learned about the Holocaust and wrote their thoughts on white ribbons which were fixed in place in their garden of remembrance.

High school students in Framlingham were invited to listen to Frank Bright, a 95 year old British veteran, who was among those who liberated a Nazi concentration camp. Pupils also had a chance to view the *Neighbours Who Disappeared* exhibition, a research project organised by the Jewish Museum in Prague.

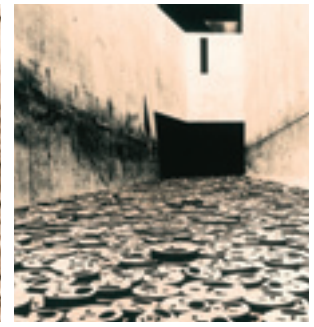
Students at Vandyke Upper School in Leighton Buzzard remembered the Holocaust by attending a presentation which told the stories of four different victims.

Pupils from Leon School in Milton Keynes were picked to work with *THINK EQUAL*, a national initiative confronting intolerance head on.

At Watford Grammar School for Girls a memorial service took place featuring readings and music by students and testimony from a Holocaust survivor.

At the South East Essex Pupil Referral Project, the **Stand up to Hatred** theme was integrated into every lesson to mark HMD.

The Anne Frank Trust visited Tom Hood Community Science College to lead workshops based around an exhibition about Anne Frank's life.



Absence & Loss exhibition
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Community Events

At the offices of Babergh Council, a display about HMD was placed in the reception area for viewing by staff, members and the public.

A book of commitment was placed in the Council offices in Basildon.

HMP Blundeston held a short commemoration ceremony led by Rev W Salmon.

A gathering was held at Hertsmere Council Offices in Borehamwood which included reflections on the Holocaust and a performance by the Community multi-faith choir.

At the New Harvest Community Church in Brentwood, a talk was given on *Miracles from the Ashes of the Holocaust*.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral hosted a short service of remembrance in the Abbey Gardens of Bury St Edmunds, attended by representatives of different faiths, the local authority and local schools.

A civic ceremony was held at the Guild Hall in Cambridge which featured the story of five year old refugee Suzanne Spitzer and the Chadwick family who took her into their home.

A solemn commemoration of the victims of genocide, by members of the Jewish and Christian communities, took place at Michaelhouse, Cambridge.

The story of Sir Nicholas Winton was the focus of HMD commemorations at Chelmsford's Cramphorn Theatre.

A commemorative service took place in the Memorial Gardens in Clacton on Sea and HMD posters were displayed in the foyer of the Town Hall.

The University of Essex held a number of events to mark HMD. These included a panel discussion on genocide prevention, a round table discussion with Holocaust survivors Ladislaus Lob and Dora Love on the theme **Stand up to Hatred** and students at Wivenhoe Campus held an anti-hate rally.

The Gorleston Library lunchtime book club discussed the novel *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.

More than 100 people attended Thameside Theatre in Grays to view the film diary of 19 Thurrock students who visited Auschwitz-Birkenau. This formed the centrepiece of Thurrock Council's remembrance event. Local dignitaries also gathered at Grays Memorial Gardens to give speeches and remember those murdered under the Nazi regime.

A service of remembrance was held at the Kitchener Road Jewish Cemetery in Great Yarmouth where students from East Norfolk Sixth Form College laid a wreath.

Long Meadows Community Centre held a special public meeting to mark HMD in Harwich and Dovercourt.

Hemel Hempstead's first HMD was held in Carey Baptist Church as part of a Churches Together initiative and was attended by members of local churches and synagogues.

HMP Highpoint focused their activities around HMD on the Holocaust and genocide, with talks at services, bible study and discussion groups.

Luton Town Hall hosted a remembrance service to mark HMD. Eleven empty chairs symbolised the 11 million people who were murdered during the Holocaust.

West Norfolk's Deputy Mayor Cllr Bill Davies led a candle lighting ceremony at Lynn's Town Garden.

At the Church of Christ the Cornerstone in Milton Keynes, an evening of reflection and readings took place based on the theme **Stand up to Hatred**.

A talk on anti-semitism in medieval Norwich took place at the Norfolk Records Office.

Peterborough Council's annual multi-faith service included a contribution from the city's Poet Laureate Laura Kelly, who has dedicated work to the Roma and Sinti victims of the Holocaust. The film *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* was also shown at the Key Theatre.

In Rayleigh, more than 70 people took part in a short ceremony at The Mill on Bellingham Lane. A short service also took place at the Rayleigh War Memorial.

St Mary's Church in Saffron Walden held a commemoration ceremony with local school pupils among those in attendance.

A large book/DVD and poster display exploring HMD and related themes was available to readers at Sheringham Library.

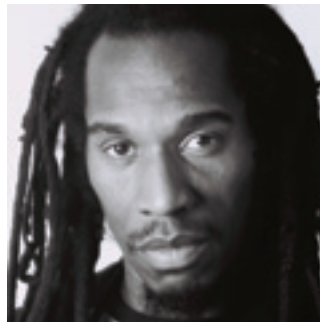
At the Civic Centre in Southend, a Memorial Service took place with music performed by Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs and poetry read by local schoolchildren. Prior to the service a tree was dedicated to the memory of those who died in the Holocaust.

Rev Rosemary Wakelin gave a presentation on photographs taken on a recent visit to Auschwitz at the Methodist Church Centre, Stibbard.

In Welwyn Garden City, a short commemoration ceremony led by the Mayor took place at The Reiss Memorial.



Simone Arnold Liebster was imprisoned as a child for her beliefs as a Jehovah's Witness
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Poet Benjamin Zephaniah supported HMD09



Anne Novis, victim of Disability hate crime, whose story featured in HMD09 resources © HMDT

Ipswich marked HMD09 with an all day exhibition in the Corn Exchange about different groups persecuted under the Nazi regime. Among the groups in attendance were Jehovah's Witnesses, the Jewish Community and a Romany Theatre group. Representatives from the local police force were also in attendance to talk about hate crime alongside representatives from local inter-faith initiatives.

The main focus of the exhibition was a replica of piles of spectacles found at Auschwitz. The glasses were donated by members of the local community and collected by Suffolk libraries. The glasses will be donated to Vision Aid Overseas.

Nearly a hundred people gathered for a short commemoration ceremony. Among the speakers were council leaders, a member of the local Gypsy Roma Traveller community and a refugee who spoke of his experiences in the UK.

Elsewhere in Ipswich, The Romany Theatre Company invited members of the local Romany community to share short stories and poetry about the experiences of the Roma and Sinti during the Holocaust at a short public ceremony at University Campus Suffolk. At Hollywood Cinema screenings took place of *Bent*, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* and *The Wave*.

November 9/10 2008 marked the 70th anniversary of *Kristallnacht* (the Night of the Broken Glass), a pogrom against Jewish shops, homes and synagogues throughout the Nazi occupied territories. Over the period of one night approximately 91 Jews were killed, 30,000 arrested and 191 synagogues destroyed. Countless other shops and businesses were destroyed and looted.

To mark this anniversary the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust joined with the Wiener Library to make available diary extracts, eye-witness accounts and letters which had been translated into English for the first time. The accounts had been collected by Alfred Wiener and his colleagues who sought to record the wide-spread programme of hatred that was taking place in 1938. One letter tells of the anguish suffered by the victims: "I can't tell you how many tears I shed, we are destitute, we don't even have the most basic clothing, we can't even go out into the street." Another account recalls the conditions arrested Jews were held in: "Women aged between 50 and 55 were made to strip naked and dance for the men imprisoned with them... Sick women were obliged to answer the call of nature in public... I could continue this report for hours."

Ten transcripts and two sound recordings which reveal tales of vigilante violence, arrests, vandalism and fear are available on the HMDT website www.hmd.org.uk and serve as reminders to us all of the extremes that can occur if acts of hatred go unchecked.

East Midlands

Education Events

Students from Corby Business Academy took part in a video conferencing session with Holocaust survivor Rudi Oppenheimer.

Spalding Grammar School held an all day commemoration that concluded with a candlelit act of remembrance.

Community Events

At the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, a full day of events including film shows, public tributes at the Anne Frank tree, an act of commemoration in the Millennium Chapel and a talk from Holocaust survivor, Susi Bechhofer, were organised to mark HMD.

Broxtowe Council held a short, inter-faith community event led by the Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr Sue Wildey featuring readings and reflections around the Holocaust Memorial sculpture by Naomi Blake.

In Derby, events included a commemorative service at Derby Cathedral featuring contributions from local schools and the Ukrainian community. Derby Cathedral also worked in partnership with the University of Derby to create and stage an exhibition of students' work that focused on Human Rights. The annual civic commemoration took place at the Assembly Rooms.

People gathered in St Mary's Chapel, Derby for a time of quiet reflection before the short walk to the Anne Frank and Olga Nahlak commemorative trees.

The Quad Cinema in Derby and Ritz Cinema in Belper organised special screenings of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, *The Reader*, *Into the Arms of Strangers* and *Waltz with Bashir*.

More than 50 residents helped to create a piece of art to celebrate cultural diversity in Kettering. A short commemoration ceremony also took place at the Corn Market Hall and 260 children from Kettering participated in activities and pledged to **Stand up to Hatred** in a reflection tent.

The Holocaust Centre, near Laxton, gathered together a number of speakers, who spoke on the theme **Stand up to Hatred**. Speakers included Sadiq Khan MP, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government. Representatives from the local police force, primary schools and Holocaust survivors were among those who attended.

A short remembrance event to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day was held in the Members' Lounge at Leicestershire County Hall. The event included short presentations.

Charnwood Museum in Loughborough displayed an exhibition about young Holocaust survivors *The Boys: Triumph over Adversity* based on the book of the same name. A short memorial service also took place in nearby Queens Park.

Northampton University held a round table debate on contemporary genocide.

A lecture by Zoe Waxman, research fellow at Royal Holloway, entitled *Beyond Anne Frank: Remembering the Six Million*, was held at Northampton Synagogue.

In Nottingham, the Congregation of Yahweh held a remembrance service to remember those who gave their lives for freedom and those who were killed during the Holocaust.

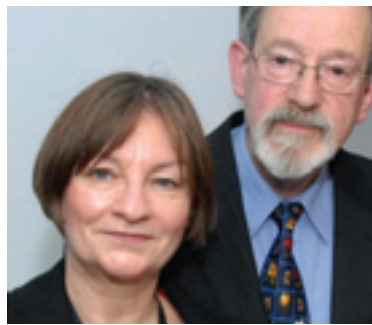
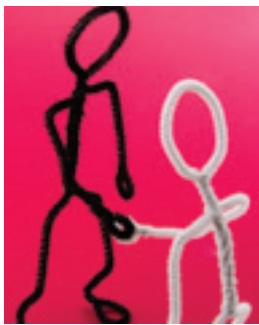
At St. Mary's Church, a civic commemoration event was jointly organised by the City Council and Nottingham Inter-faith Council.

At Rosliston Forestry Centre, the Chairman and Consort of South Derbyshire County Council dedicated four trees as a living memorial to the victims of the Holocaust.

Wellingborough Museum organised a number of special events to mark HMD including a talk by a Holocaust survivor and a visiting exhibition from the Imperial War Museum. People also gathered in Swanspool Gardens for poems, readings and contributions from the Milton Keynes and District Synagogue Choir.

At the Peace Memorial Park, near Wigston Magna, a candle lighting ceremony took place and a period of reflection was observed to mark HMD.

Northampton Borough Council and local schools, community and faith groups came together to create a community-wide programme of events which both commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day and promoted inclusion within the area. Events included a civic ceremony in Northampton's St Giles Square led by local dignitaries which included a flower-laying on the Memorial Stone; the *Anne Frank + You* exhibition which was staged at The Guildhall in Northampton and an Anne Frank themed football match between Northampton Town Football Club and Walsall provided opportunities for young Disabled people and junior teams to show their support to Stand up to Hatred. Events also included film showings and a *Who Are You?* identities workshop supported by Amnesty International which invited participants to explore how they viewed themselves, their roots and how they believed they were perceived by others.



Launch of Martin & Erica's Journey
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Lewisham Primary Schools
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London

Education Events

At Carshalton High School for Girls in Croydon pupils watched extracts of war time news reels and were encouraged to provide their own commentary.

Secondary school students from across the London Borough of Enfield attended a programme of educational events at Palmers Green & Southgate Synagogue. Children from Chace Community School chamber choir opened the day with a performance of a song from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

At Finchley Reform Synagogue outreach sessions for local secondary schools took place. These sessions involved an introduction to the Holocaust and a question and answer session with a survivor.

Plumstead Manor School in Greenwich held a series of assemblies and examined historical figures who have stood up to hatred.

Kingston Liberal Synagogue and Kingston Surbiton & District Synagogue ran education events for five local schools from the Royal Borough of Kingston and Elmbridge with over 500 students attending. The seminars included testimony from a Holocaust survivor and film about rescuers. Students worked in small groups to discuss the relevance of these lessons in their lives today. The seminar closed with a candle-lighting ceremony.

At the Charles Edward Brooke school in Lambeth students in year 9 watched the HMD film *The Hate Game* and reflected on the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides in their tutor periods.

Lewisham primary school pupils performed dance, songs and poetry about the Holocaust based on the theme **Stand up to Hatred**.

Muswell Hill Synagogue held two educational events to commemorate HMD. Children from Gladesmore Community School in Tottenham visited the synagogue to listen to Holocaust survivor Mirjam Finkelstein and pupils from Fortismere School met survivor Joan Salter.

At Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue local secondary schools took part in workshops, listened to testimony from a Holocaust survivor and took part in a discussion on personal responsibility.

An HMD commemorative assembly was held at Lady Margaret School, Parson's Green. Students from the school led the assembly and there were also contributions from the Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks and Mala Tribich.

Community Events

The Mayor of London and Chair of the London Assembly hosted a commemoration at City Hall which included contributions from a Holocaust survivor and a victim of Disability hate crime.

Survivors of the Holocaust formed the basis of a new exhibition at City Hall. *Portraits for Posterity* consisted of 30 portraits of Londoners who, as children or young people, survived the Holocaust.

The Metropolitan Police Service recognised Holocaust Memorial Day in a service of remembrance, commemoration and learning arranged by the Met's Diversity and Citizen Focus Directorate and the Jewish Police Association. In attendance were some of the Met's newest recruits, representatives from the Service's faith-based staff associations as well as community members.

The Mayor of Barking and Dagenham hosted a commemorative event attended by representatives of partner organisations and the faith forum as well as local students.

Barnet Council held a commemorative ceremony at Middlesex University. Among the speakers was Darfuri refugee, Mustafa Hassaballa.

Members of the Association of Jewish Refugees gathered at the Belsize Square Synagogue to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. AJR member and survivor of Auschwitz and Bergen Belsen concentration camps Anita Lasker-Wallfisch spoke on the theme for HMD09.

At Brent Town Hall a wide range of events took place including speeches from representatives from the Anne Frank Trust, Searchlight magazine, Kick it Out football campaign and a performance of *No war will stop us from singing* from Brent Junior Choir. At Brent Museum a talk showing photographs of middle-class Austrian Jewish families in the Austro-Hungarian Empire and inter-war central Europe took place.

In Camden, a remembrance service took place at the Council Chamber. Among the speakers was Vera Schaufield, who arrived in Britain on the Kindertransport.

People from different faiths walked from Catford Synagogue to the Broadway Theatre to mark HMD following a memorial service at the Synagogue.

The Yaller Skunk Theatre Company presented 2 evenings of rehearsed readings using movement, text, poetry and music from all over the world at The Broadway Theatre Studio, Catford. The evenings also featured Lewisham students talking about their recent visit to Auschwitz as well as survivor stories.

A ceremony to mark HMD09 was held at the Nightingale Residential Home in Clapham. The service involved staff, residents and volunteers and incorporated poetry and reminiscences.



End of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising
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Plumstead Manor School Drama Performance
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In Croydon, a short commemoration ceremony involving local school children took place at Braithwaite Hall preceded by a candle lighting in the Town Hall foyer.

At Ruskin House in Croydon a concert of Russian, Jewish and Gypsy music was dedicated to the victims of the inhuman barbarism and tyranny of fascism.

Victims of the Holocaust were remembered with a tree planting and a minute silence outside Perceval House in Ealing.

The Greenwich Playhouse presented a performance of Aristides' *The Outcast Hero* by The Galleon Theatre Company to coincide with HMD.

Hackney Music Development Trust created a new music theatre work called *Hear Our Voice* set to a libretto compiled from children's Holocaust writings.

The Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Ian Rathbone, laid a floral tribute at the Holocaust Memorial tree in Hackney Town Hall Square. An event was also held at St. Josephs Hospice where Rabbi Eli Salasnick and Rev. Alan Greenbatt conducted a short service of remembrance.

At Haringey Independent Cinema *The Counterfeiters* was screened.

At Heathrow Airport a short multi-faith service took place to mark HMD. The service, arranged by the Chaplains at the airport, included an opportunity to light a candle as a tangible sign of the commitment of those who attended to **Stand up to Hatred**.

100 people gathered at Hounslow Civic Centre for their annual commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day.

In Ilford a short service of remembrance led by inter-faith leaders and local school children took place at the Holocaust Memorial Gardens.

Residents were challenged to **Stand up to Hatred** at Islington Town Hall. Members of the public and school children listened to survivors of the Holocaust, and the genocides in Darfur and Bosnia.

At the Memorial Gardens, Kingston, Rwandan survivor Malachie Munyaneza shared his testimony at a short remembrance service at the Memorial Tree.

At the Assembly Hall in Lambeth, Corpus Christi Primary choir performed at a memorial service attended by local dignitaries.

At the London Jewish Cultural Centre, attendees listened to a speech by Deputy Mayor of London, Richard Barnes and poetry read by actor Andrew Sachs. The ceremony culminated in the lighting of memorial candles and a recital of *El Male Rachamim* by Jerod Gotel.

At the New London Synagogue, a special screening of the film *The Aryan Couple* took place followed by a Q&A with the executive producer.

In Northwood Oakland's Drama Group presented a performance of *Kindertransport* by Diane Samuels.

People gathered in the Coronation Gardens, Romford, for a short service led by Rabbi Lee Sunderland from Romford and District Synagogue. Local dignitaries and school children also took part in the service.

At the School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS), a performance of *A Yiddish Winterreise*, a recital of songs from the Yiddish repertoire, took place to mark HMD.

At the Soviet War Memorial in Southwark, the Russian Ambassador and other dignitaries laid a wreath to mark the date in 1945 when the Soviet Army liberated the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

St Mary's Church, Summerstown held a special HMD service which focused on the story of Charles Coward, a British Prisoner of War, who stood up to Nazi hatred and rescued Jewish prisoners from Auschwitz.

At the Bruce Castle Museum in Tottenham guests including David Lammy MP and Lynne Featherstone MP listened to Morris Beckham, founder of the Jewish anti-fascism group, the 43 group, talk about his experiences during the Holocaust before unveiling a new bench in the Holocaust Memorial garden.

Holocaust survivor, Henry Glanz, was among the individuals who lit memorial candles in Tower Hamlets. Other events in the Borough included walking tours of the site of the Battle of Cable Street organised by the Jewish East End Celebration society, a screening of *The Relief of Belsen* and an inter-faith service at the East London Central Synagogue.

In Wallington a commemoration ceremony took place in the Phoenix Centre featuring poetry, music and readings from civic and faith leaders. Attendees looked at their behaviour to others to understand how hate is directed against different minorities in Britain today.

Walthamstow Assembly Hall was the venue for Waltham Forest's annual commemoration which included contributions from Holocaust survivor Ruth Barnett and performances by local youth musicians.

The West Central Liberal Synagogue marked HMD by holding a special service themed on **Stand Up to Hatred**, which was attended by visiting students from SOAS. Excerpts from Hitler's speech of 30 January 1939 were read and discussions held on the dangers of silence in the face of hatred.

At the West London Synagogue, crowds gathered to remember the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides. Among the speakers were Lord Mayor Louise Hyamas and Westminster Council Leader, Colin Barrow.



Propaganda slide showing costs of dealing with mentally Disabled patients © USHMM

The Workers' Music Association Singers marked Holocaust Memorial Day during their regular rehearsal night by singing messages from the *Peat Bog Soldiers* and discussing current atrocities around the world.

Lord Janner, Chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) hosted a panel discussion in Parliament. Speakers at this event included Holocaust survivor Mala Tribich; Ifraah Samatar, one of the Lessons from Auschwitz Project participants and Matthew Collins from the anti-fascist organisation Searchlight.

To coincide with HMD *Martin and Erica's Journey*, a new teaching resource produced by HET in conjunction with the National Union of Teachers was launched. Speakers at the launch included Dr Martin Stern, a Holocaust survivor and Christine Blower, Acting General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers.

Each year the Mayor of London and the Chair of the London Assembly host a commemorative event which provides a city-wide focus for Holocaust Memorial Day. Invited guests included Holocaust and genocide survivors, representatives of all 33 London boroughs and the many diverse communities of the city.

The Chair of the Assembly, Jeanette Arnold, opened the ceremony with a warning that the corrosive force of hatred is still with us and capable of resurgence but by creating a safer, shared future hatred can be overcome. Holocaust survivor Rudi Oppenheimer shared his story of survival of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and his experience telling his story to over 90,000 schoolchildren. Anne Novis, a wheelchair user and London resident, highlighted the continuing discrimination against deaf and Disabled people and the number of hate crimes based on Disability. School pupils who had visited Auschwitz-Birkenau with the Holocaust Educational Trust contributed their own thoughts on how their experience has affected them and committed to Stand up to Hatred.

Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, read a poem by Edward Bond which questioned whether the Holocaust could have happened in England and how each generation creates its own humanity. *Kaddish* was recited and musical contributions offered an opportunity for quiet reflection.

The National Commemoration of HMD09 was held in the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry on 25th January. Attended by Holocaust and genocide survivors, HMDT Trustees, Ambassadors, young people from schools and community groups across the city, Government Ministers and faith leaders, the event was hosted by West Mercia radio presenter, John Dalziel.

The event, organised by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, in partnership with Coventry City Council, included performances from Coventry band, The Ripps, the testimony of the late Holocaust survivor, Regina Franks - told through the words of her teenage granddaughters: Cantor Rudi Leavor recited the Jewish memorial prayer, *El Male Rachamim*; the Performing Arts Service, made up of young people aged between 5-15, and Castle Wood Special School also presented a song and drama piece. Speeches came from the Chief Rabbi, Sir Jonathan Sacks and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon. Hazel Blears MP who pledged: "I am a member of Government. I will work hard to make sure that Britain is a place where every community is safe; where people of different backgrounds can come together in common understanding."

The event concluded with a performance by the One Voice Choir which began and ended with a poignant single voice of a young girl. The assembled audience joined together and made the choice to **Stand up to Hatred**.

The national event was the conclusion of activities held to commemorate HMD09 in Coventry. Community events took place in Coventry Cathedral, exhibitions from Marion Davies and Jenny Stolzenberg were open to the public in the Herbert Gallery, and people from all walks of life planted snowdrops around the city, donated shoes to create a piece of public art and attended a **Stand up to Hatred** walk, which culminated in a speech by HMDT Chair, Dr Stephen Smith.

Schools and colleges from across the city participated in conferences and activities, exploring the messages of Holocaust Memorial Day. A group visited Poland with Coventry Lord Mayor, Cllr Andy Matchet which included a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau. The young people involved have taken their experience of what can happen as a result of extreme exclusion back to their schools and families - 15 year old Liam Livermore spoke at the commemoration and said "I would like to see more people being educated on racism and hatred. Even if I have to do it myself."

North East

Education Events

Pupils from St. Johns Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre in Bishop Auckland marked HMD by planting flowers of remembrance.

Students at the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington produced an exhibition of work that followed their investigations of the issues raised by the HMD09 theme. The exhibition was displayed at Darlington Arts Centre.

A HMD education project was held at Tyneside Cinema with pupils performing and sharing what they had learned about the Holocaust. Interviews with refugees were also featured.

Ryton Comprehensive School held an in-school Citizenship/RE/History enrichment day for year 9 students, using HMD resources and hosted a number of external visitors.

Community Events

The Northern Region branch of UNISON held a regional commemoration with a showing of the film *AREK - A Survivor's Story* and a photography and poetry display. UNISON activists who have recently visited Auschwitz-Birkenau spoke about their experiences and discussed their work to challenge racism, hatred and how to get more involved.

Darlington Borough Council commemorated HMD09 in a ceremony including a presentation by students from the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College who recently visited Auschwitz, readings, music and prayer.

A vigil at Durham Cathedral offered an opportunity to reflect on genocide in the context of a short vigil of readings and prayers. People of any or no faith were welcomed to the vigil.

A brief commemoration including a period of shared silence, lighting candles of remembrance and a few words from different faith traditions was followed by a commitment to confront racism, prejudice and discrimination at the Hebrew Prayer House in Middlesbrough.

Middlesbrough's Annual Service was held at the United Reformed Church. The leading speakers were Vera Baird QC MP and the Rev Bruce Harrison who had visited Auschwitz.

HMYOI Castington held a small presentation and a literacy session discussing hatred and hate crime including the murder of Stephen Lawrence.

The African Community Association in Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne held an afternoon of memories, music and film bringing together asylum seekers, refugees and residents to celebrate standing up to hatred.

The Tyneside Cinema in Newcastle and Darlington Arts Centre held showings of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.

Newcastle University students organised a protest march against discrimination, hatred and exclusion.

Newcastle Libraries readers' groups focused on books relating to HMD during January. The Chatterbooks reading group for children read *The Life of Anne Frank* and The Newcastle Graphic Novels Readers' Group (Readers of the Lost Art) read *Persepolis*. Both groups discussed their own experiences of discrimination, exclusion and hatred.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne's annual HMD commemoration invited everyone attending to **Stand up to Hatred** and included a drama performance by Byker & Walker YMCA commemorating the anniversary of *Kristallnacht* and a production by Mongrel UK, a music theatre ensemble.

Metropolitan Community Church in Newcastle remembered all those killed in the Holocaust in its annual HMD service, particularly Lesbians and Gay men. The service challenged everyone to offer equality for all and to fight injustice.

Northumbria University held the exhibition *Draw what you See* which was focused on artist Helga Weissova-Hoskova's work as a child artist in the Terezin Ghetto and was accompanied by photography by Paul Brown documenting Terezin today. Helga and Paul held workshops for local school and university students.

St Lawrence the Martyr Church in South Shields remembered the children affected by the Holocaust.

Community representatives and schoolchildren joined the Mayor of South Tyneside, Cllr Alex Donaldson, at a ceremony to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. Held in South Shields Town Hall, it was led by Reverend Clive Mason, with readings from the Mayor as well as Jean Mulley and Alma Piggott from St Hilda's Church.

An exhibition and education project illustrating the life of Anne Frank toured North-East schools and other venues and was launched on HMD at Spennymoor Town Hall.

An exhibition remembering the Holocaust was displayed at ARC, Stockton. Young people from Stockton Youth Space who travelled to Auschwitz worked with Stockton Museum Service to create an exhibition that reflects the experiences of their visit including a documentary film called *Pamiętac* which is Polish for *Remember*.



Liliane Umubyeyi, survivor of the Rwandan genocide © Courtesy of Cosmopolitan



Simon Weston supported HMD09



Kitty Hart-Moxon, Holocaust survivor © Stephen D. Smith

HMP/YOI Castington commemorated HMD09 by using the Prisons/Young Offenders toolkit which was created by HMDT in conjunction with HMYOI Lancaster Farms. Almost 100 young people (15-18 years old) joined together to view presentations on the Holocaust which had been provided by HMDT and asked a series of questions about the Holocaust and the impact of hatred on individuals. The group also viewed the HMD09 short film *The Hate Game* and discussed the relationship between the Holocaust, present day discrimination and hate crime such as the murder of Stephen Lawrence.

Commemorating HMD09 was part of the Castington CARE regime which is designed to help reduce reoffending rates, improve educational skills and promote law-abiding behaviour.

Combine a safe and secure environment with mutual respect for all.

Achieve an innovative regime with links to the community and young people's families.

Recognise that staff are our most valuable asset, and strive to achieve staff ownership through a positive culture.

Ensure we serve the public by keeping young people in custody, treating them with humanity and helping them lead law-abiding and useful lives both in Castington and after release.

Across the UK prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (YOIs) used the theme of **Stand up to Hatred** to encourage prisoners and trainees to consider the diverse groups affected by Nazi hatred and persecution and those who face exclusion from society today.

HMDT worked with a team from HMYOI Lancaster Farms to produce a training pack which contained materials suitable for use within the prison environment. This included presentations, classroom and library plans, activities for individual work and inter-faith material for use in prison chapels. This pack was available free of charge to all Prisons and YOIs in the UK and over 70 institutions requested the materials.

Prisons and YOIs which took part include HMYOI Feltham where young offenders created a special edition of their newsletter *Mosaic* which examined different victims of the Nazis; HMP Lancaster Castle which held an event arranged and publicised by Muslim offenders called *Sing for Change* where prisoners joined together to sing anti persecution/hatred songs chosen by staff members; and HMP/YOI Brinsford which commemorated the Day with displays created by prisoners.

North West

Education Events

At St Augustine's RC school, pupils held a short commemoration ceremony.

Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar School held an imaginative cross-curricular examination of the Holocaust over a two-week period. The Holocaust was studied in terms of the message **Stand up to Hatred** by focusing on the positive messages the Holocaust can teach us. Examples of lessons included Food Technology students who made a 200 calorie a day diet and in Design Technology prints were produced based on original templates from the ghettos.

In Birkenhead girls from Prenton High School took part in a Holocaust curriculum day.

Woodlands School in Blackpool commemorated HMD with a programme of role play and written work about the Holocaust. Students wrote poems and responses to photographs of Holocaust victims and used writing with symbols to express their feelings.

Pupils at Humphrey Perkins High School met a Holocaust survivor and took part in creative workshops in an all day event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

Students from King David's High School went to a special event at Manchester's Cornerhouse Theatre. They watched three fictionalised accounts of events dealing with the Holocaust and listened to the testimony of Meyer Hersh.

Chesterfield High School in Sefton held an art exhibition with work from years 9, 10 and 11. There was also work on hate crime created by pupils and music compositions. Pupils contributed to the Sefton HMD exhibition held in Southport.

Community Events

HMP Altcourse had a photo display in the entry building, talked about HMD on the prison radio channel and held a short commemoration in the evening.

A remembrance service with Austrian Pastor Werner Oder as the main speaker was held by the Beit Hatikvah Fellowship in Birkenhead. Rev Oder shared his account of survival within an SS family after WWII and ultimately finding reason for true hope.

Darwen Inter-faith Forum and Blackburn Council held a short commemoration ceremony at Blackburn Town Hall.

Blackburn Cathedral held a Sung Eucharist with a sermon by Canon Chris Chivers commemorating all those who died in the Holocaust.

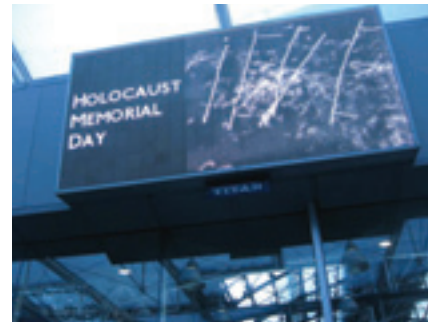
Blackpool Town Hall was the venue for a commemoration with representatives of the faith communities and pupils from Blackpool Secondary Schools.



Lord Mayor of Liverpool lays flowers
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Kindness Project at Manchester Piccadilly train station
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People from Bolton's different faiths and communities gathered together to remember the victims of the Holocaust. The service was led by the Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Anthony Connell, at Bolton Town Hall.

A multi-faith service was held at the Peace Garden in Burnley to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

Bury's annual service of remembrance and reflection involved the Mayor, faith leaders, political leaders, civic dignitaries and an audience of 200 people. 50 young people took part delivering spoken word, dance and music.

A recreation of one of the most potent symbols of the horrors of the concentration camps - a pile of abandoned shoes - was exhibited at The Courts in Carlisle. Each shoe represented a victim of hate - reflecting the genocides not just of World War Two, but also more recent human tragedies such as Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Cumbria County Council teamed up with local branches of the GMB and UNISON trade unions to display the moving tribute along with images of the Holocaust.

Cumbria Constabulary held a presentation for staff on the Holocaust and hate crime in general which was followed by a memorial service.

HMD was marked with an inter-faith concert at the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Hale Barns.

People in Rossendale marked HMD with a simple service at Greenfield War Memorial in Haslingden.

A HMD commemoration took place at St. George's Church in Douglas, Isle of Man.

The education provider at Garth Prison in Lancaster and Morecambe College organised a HMD commemoration event using HMDT resources. The catering department prepared Kosher food for prisoners to sample and held a poster display.

To commemorate HMD09 HMP Lancaster Castle held an event called *Sing for Change*. 50 prisoners were invited to come and sing well-known 'anti persecution/hatred' songs which had been chosen by staff. The event was arranged and publicised by Muslim offenders, and compered by a prisoner who won the Christmas Karaoke competition.

The Kensington community in Liverpool held a full day of HMD commemorations including film showings, discussions, youth performances and performances from Jewish, Congolese, Darfuri, Kosovar, Polish, Rwandan and Roma community members.

Victims of the Holocaust and other genocides around the world were remembered at an outdoor service held in St John's Garden, Liverpool. Faith and civic leaders joined school children and members of the public for the service. A one-minute silence was observed and flowers laid at a temporary shrine set up in the Peace Garden.

The Merseyside Council of Christians and Jews held a showing of the film *God on Trial* by local author Frank Cottrell Boyce which tells the story of a group of prisoners in a hut at Auschwitz who demand to know the nature of a God who would allow so much suffering. The film was followed by a question and answer session with the author who questioned his own faith as he wrote the play. The group also took part in a discussion session following a showing of the recent Daniel Craig film *Defiance*.

Kingsway Christian Fellowship in Waterloo welcomed Pastor Werner Oder to their HMD commemoration.

A packed audience at Macclesfield Town Hall listened to a survivor talk and discussed hate crime in a special event organised by Macclesfield Council.

Non-league team FC United took part in a special match against local Jewish team, Manchester Maccabi 1st in Manchester.

The Imperial War Museum North held a series of commemorative events including evocative Klezmer, Greek and East European melodies performed by Manchester duo The Deli Babies; a short Gallery walk followed by presentation using archive materials and Romany storyteller Richard O'Neil hosting interactive story sessions.

The Lesbian and Gay Foundation showed two films which illustrated the experience of LGBT people during the Holocaust and in modern times - *Paragraph 175* and *The Laramie Project*. LGF also held a series of presentations to discuss experiences of homophobia in the North West and to discuss the lessons that can be learned from the Holocaust.

An exhibition by artist Val Kerry inspired by some of the 30 "Articles" taken from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was held at the Central Library in Manchester.

Arts group arthur+martha worked with older Jewish residents of the Morris Feinmann Home to commemorate HMD09. The work of the group was displayed at Manchester Piccadilly station.

People of all faiths joined together to take the opportunity to remember all victims of crimes against humanity at a vigil for peace and justice at Nelson Library.

Rochdale Council held a commemoration service at the city's Town Hall.

A silent vigil was held in Saddleworth and concluded with the group sharing the statement of commitment for HMD.



Anti-semitic children's book
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Food Technology Lessons
© Bacup & Rawenstall Grammar School



Kindness Project at Manchester Piccadilly
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Buile Hill Banqueting Suite in Salford hosted an evening commemoration for the people of Salford and surrounding areas. Young people from local high schools and a primary school participated and a Holocaust survivor shared her experience.

A collection of poetry, paintings and sculptures produced by schools and groups across Sefton was exhibited at the Atkinson Art Gallery in Southport.

A commemoration service organised by Trafford Council was held at the Waterside Arts Centre.

Trainees and staff at HMYOI Thorncross in Warrington participated in a Holocaust Memorial Service. Young offenders also visited the Jewish Museum in Manchester.

Ceremonies of commemoration with the Mayor, invited guests and school students were held across Wigan and Leigh.

A ninth annual Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration was held at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton on Wednesday 28th January. Over 600 students, councillors, and invited guests from across Wirral gathered to remember those who perished at the hands of persecutors during the Holocaust and in later genocides. They were honoured to welcome Rudi Oppenheimer, a Holocaust survivor.

Hope Not Hate organised a national march against racism and fascism.

Arts group arthur+martha worked with older Jewish residents of the Morris Feinmann Home to commemorate HMD09. Using the words, artwork and poetry of residents, including survivors and refugees, the group presented their work through Manchester Piccadilly train station on 27th January 2009. The project, entitled *Kindness*, focused on the unique experience of individuals and memories prompted by artefacts supplied by the Imperial War Museum North, and was displayed on the electronic boards throughout the station. Survivors and the artists were in attendance throughout the day, talking to journalists and members of the public about their project.

Project Director and writer, Philip Davenport explains: "We are interested in the bric-a-brac of people's lives, the tiny moments, rather than the grand history. Many of the pieces created are humorous and gentle. We called the project *Kindness* because some of these people experienced a terrible lack of kindness."

Northern Ireland

The Northern Ireland HMD commemoration was held in Ballymena. Representatives of diverse communities attended the event which was hosted by news presenter Paul Clark.

In association with the NI HMD Regional event an exhibition on the Kindertransport was displayed at The Braid in Ballymena.

Inge Radford nee Frenkel, a Holocaust survivor born in Vienna, and who lost her brothers and mother at Maly Trostinec, gave talks at local Catholic and Protestant schools across Northern Ireland including Aquinas Hall Grammar School.

A school assembly was held in remembrance of Holocaust Memorial Day at Immaculate Conception College, Derry.

Two child survivors of the Holocaust were the guest speakers at Enniskillen Castle Museum at an event to commemorate HMD09.

Alley Arts Centre in Strabane hosted an illustrated and interactive talk given by Richard Collins, a nationally recognised expert on the Holocaust. Following this there was an opportunity to view an exhibition in the main gallery space entitled *While God and the World Slept*, a Holocaust art exhibition, which critics have stated as "one of the most moving exhibitions ever produced".

The Northern Ireland Regional Commemoration of HMD09 was held in The Braid, Ballymena on 27th January. Attended by over 300 invited guests, news presenter Paul Clark led the annual event which included a welcome address from Cllr Maurice Mills, Mayor of Ballymena and Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service, Bruce Robinson.

Young residents and musicians Shoshanna Karp-Sawey and Sam Law provided music reflecting the theme **Stand up to Hatred**. The Holocaust Memorial Day Statement of Commitment was read by leaders of community groups, representing those groups who were targeted under Nazi persecution.

A single candle was lit in memory of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, and *El Male Rachamim* was recited by Cantor Alwyn Schulman in Hebrew and Joseph Cohen in English.

Dr Susannah Kokkonen, Director of the Christian Friends of Yad Vashem concluded with a closing address, urging all those in attendance to remember the past in order to create a better future. The Shofar was blown to signal the end of the commemoration.



Statue of Buddha destroyed during the Khmer Rouge



Art by pupils of Woodside Primary School
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George Burley, manager of the Scotland football team, supported HMD09

Scotland

Education Events

Across Scotland thousands of school pupils joined together to commemorate HMD through a series of assemblies, student led lessons, workshops and film showings.

A schools' screening of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* was held at the Filmhouse in Edinburgh.

A schools' workshop exploring strategies for resisting discrimination and hatred was held at the National War Museum, Edinburgh Castle.

Bannockburn High School sent two classes to the Mayfield Centre to hear Linda Newbury discuss her novel *Sisterland*.

Students from Buckie Community High used assemblies to talk about their experiences visiting Auschwitz. The Buckie High Film Club attended a screening of *The Pianist*.

Pupils from Coatbridge High and St Ambrose High schools hosted survivor, Bob Kutner, who talked about his experiences during the Holocaust.

On 27th January the children from the Primary 6 class at the David Livingstone Memorial Primary School, Blantyre gave a short commemorative service lasting 15 minutes. They read statements about the Holocaust whilst the music from *Schindler's List* played in the background.

A survivor of the genocide in Darfur participated in Drummond High School's assembly and workshops which focused on the situation in Darfur.

600 Pupils from across Fife attended a screening of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* organised by Fife Council at Rothes Halls.

Akiva Segan, Director of Holocaust/Genocide Education Through Art (based in Seattle, USA) returned to Forfar Academy to do a presentation to 100 senior students on the work he is engaged in, promoting Holocaust remembrance through art.

A schools showing of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* at Glasgow Film Theatre was accompanied by a talk by Holocaust survivor Steven Franks.

Students from Graeme High and Falkirk High schools who had recently visited Auschwitz talked about their trip to fellow pupils.

Two pupils from Hermitage Academy in Helensburgh who had visited Auschwitz gave short presentations to pupils in each year group.

A two week long exhibition about the Holocaust including Kindertransport stories and student accounts of their recent visit to Holocaust sites in Poland was held at Holyrood Secondary School in Glasgow.

Several schools in Kilmarnock marked HMD. St Joesph's Academy and Loudoun Academy had senior pupils visit Auschwitz and then lead assemblies about their experiences. Holocaust survivor Ruth Barnett visited Stewarton Academy and spoke to students. At Kilmarnock Academy staff and senior pupils commemorated HMD09 with readings, poetry, the lighting of candles and a minute's silence.

Pupils at King's Meadow Primary school worked with Edinburgh based photographer Leah Robb and writer Dr. Colin Will from Dunbar on a series of workshops exploring the HMD09 theme. Their work was displayed at an exhibition.

Kirkintilloch High School held a special assembly aimed at S1 and S2 pupils. The assembly featured a number of interdisciplinary examples for Holocaust Learning in Art, Photography, Drama, Modern Languages, RMPS and Home Economics.

East Lothian Museum Service and Knox Academy presented a display of models about the Holocaust. These models were created by a Second Year History Class and were available to view through the Museum Service Flickr page.

Students from Lenzie Academy who had recently visited Auschwitz took part in a powerful and moving assembly. The assembly included Holocaust poetry and the story of Jane Haining, who died at Auschwitz.

A one day conference for S2 students was held at Liberton High School.

At Milton Primary School short assemblies were held to discuss this year's theme.

Special assemblies were held at Monifieth High School in Carnoustie in the week leading up to HMD where pupils were encouraged to remember the suffering endured during the Holocaust.

A day of workshops and activities for S2 students on the theme of **Stand up to Hatred** was held at North Berwick High School.

Students from Port Glasgow High arranged a screening of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* for all secondary school pupils in Inverclyde.

Young people from St Augustines RC High School created podcasts in the form of a radio show dealing with the themes of HMD09.

Pupils from St Leonard's Primary school wrote and performed a special presentation called *Anne Frank Remembered*.

St Thomas of Aquins High School hosted the Edinburgh civic commemorative event including song, dance, poetry and a speech by child survivor of the Holocaust Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp.

Woodside Primary School in South Lanarkshire completed art activities with all children based on the events of the Holocaust. The younger children's artworks were based on their ideas of hatred and how we need heroes to help us stand up to our fears.

Libraries

Among the library activities in Scotland there was a large programme in Edinburgh with every community library holding displays exploring themes around **Stand up to Hatred**.

Morningside Library in Edinburgh held an exhibition of paintings and drawings on the Holocaust by artist Myer Lacome.

Portobello Library held a display of work by modern writers imprisoned around the world including Kenyan Wangari Maathai and Aung San Suu Kyi.

Sighthill Library organised a poster competition that challenged entrants to create a poster that showed the positives of living in a multicultural and tolerant society and held a *Call my Bluff* quiz night where young people were challenged to identify fact from fiction in relation to hatred.

Community Events

Councils, faith groups and other community groups held a variety of events.

Aberdeen commemorated HMD09 with a three session event at Aberdeen Art Gallery - early afternoon poetry and reflection; contributions from schoolchildren and youth in the afternoon and an evening ceremony with contributions from Scottish Inter-faith Group, the Aberdeen Music School and story tellers.

Dumfries and Galloway Multicultural Association held an event which involved local organisations the Interfaith Group and the World Peace Prayer Society.

East Renfrewshire Council's annual commemoration reflected the theme of **Stand up to Hatred** through a programme of pupils reading poetry written by themselves, classical music from a schools orchestra, talk on his own work by internationally renowned Holocaust artist Akiva Segan, a showing of *The Hate Game* and reflections on that from a local Rabbi.

An issue of Edinburgh's *The Teenage* magazine was written by young people aged 12-18 and dedicated to the theme **Stand up to Hatred**.

LGBT Youth Scotland held a workshop and film screening to remember those who died in the Holocaust and as a result of Nazi persecution and to explore the impact of homophobia in modern Scotland.

The Scottish Traveller Education Programme held an exhibition of HMD resources for staff and students with a workshop delivered by Gypsy/Travellers supported by Save the Children.

A lecture on the ethical issues and challenges around the Holocaust that face society was held at the Lauriston Jesuit Centre with Fr John Pawlikowski the President Emeritus of the International Council of Christians and Jews.

The Scottish Story-telling Centre marked HMD with inspiring candlelit tales from the Jewish tradition with storytellers Rachel Smillie and Julie Dawid.

Hebrides Ensemble - Scotland's leading contemporary classical music group - performed music composed by Gideon Klein and Hans Krasa in the concentration camps and Bela Bartok's *6th String Quartet*, written as he fled the Holocaust against a backdrop of images of the time.

Eva Schloss, the step-sister of Anne Frank, described her experiences in Auschwitz to an audience of Jewish community members, school children, politicians and religious representatives at a special session of the Scottish Parliament's Equalities Committee. Mrs Schloss was speaking after a performance of *And then they came for me* which tells the stories of Eva, Buddy Elias and Anne Frank.

A special commemoration service was organised by the Maybole branch of the Royal British Legion.

Invited guests including Eva Clarke spoke at the Scottish National HMD Commemoration at Paisley Town Hall with music and presentations by pupils from secondary schools in Renfrewshire.

Libraries, faith groups, community groups and schools across Edinburgh joined together to create a city wide programme of HMD09 commemorative events. All community libraries held exhibitions, displays and extra activities including a poster design competition and the recording of podcasts in the form of a radio show.

Other events across Scotland's capital city included a *Call My Bluff* quiz evening for young people challenging prejudices, a one day conference for S2 pupils, an exhibition on the experiences of Roma & Sinti during the Holocaust and presentation by a survivor of the ongoing atrocities in Darfur.

Organisations which came together to help organise this wide-ranging programme included Edinburgh City Council, Edinburgh Libraries, LGBT Youth Scotland, Scottish Traveller Education Programme, the Scottish Storytelling Centre and Lothian and Borders Police.

More than 15 individual commemorative events were held in the city to mark HMD09.



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Nazi propaganda slide
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Phone box which Jews were forbidden to use © USHMM

Cinemas and local event organisers across the UK chose to mark Holocaust Memorial Day with special film screenings. A popular choice was the recently released *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* and at City Screen Picturehouse in York, the director of the film, Mark Herman, took part in a question and answer session following the screening.

Among the other films shown were *The Pianist*, *The Aryan Couple*, *Defiance*, *The Reader*, *AREK- A Survivor's Story*, *Paragraph 175*, *The Laramie Project* and the recent BBC drama, *God on Trial*.

Young people from Stockton Youth Space presented a short documentary titled *Pamietac*, the Polish word for *Remember*. The film featured members of the group reflecting on a recent trip to Auschwitz. Other organisers chose to use documentary footage to show the horrors of the Holocaust including Southampton Solent University who showed footage of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943.

You can find further information on suitable films to show at events at www.hmd.org.uk.

South East

Education Events

Aylesbury College paid tribute to the victims of the Holocaust by holding an exhibition about a recent visit to Auschwitz by some of their pupils.

Folkestone Academy produced pieces of art using the work of artists affected by the Holocaust as inspiration.

Brock Hill Performing Arts College students presented a display about their visit to the Imperial War Museum Holocaust exhibition. They linked what they had seen about the early stages of the Holocaust to acts of hatred in present day society.

Pupils at Neville Lovett School in Fareham listened to Holocaust survivor, Walter Kammerling.

Students from the Castle Community College, Deal worked on group and individual research projects and prepared an exhibition about the Holocaust which encouraged visitors to think about the causes of hatred and ways to bring peace to the world.

As part of their International programme sixth form students from Dover Grammar School visited Auschwitz to coincide with HMD.

Court Moor School in Fleet held various events around the town and school such as "wear a paperclip" day. In the evening pupils and community members joined together for drama performances, a memorial activity and a talk by Holocaust survivor Steven Frank.

Folkestone School for Girls researched the history of the White Rose movement and thought of ways to **Stand up to Hatred**.

The Harvey Grammar School for Boys showed a film produced by students on the **Stand up to Hatred** theme.

Schoolchildren gathered at St Wilfrid's Church in Haywards Heath to commemorate HMD.

Holocaust survivor Josef Perl visited Tideway School in Newhaven.

Pent Valley School mounted an exhibition of student work on how hatred caused people to be imprisoned and murdered in concentration camps.

At Robin Hood Junior School, students performed a dance and drama piece to the soundtrack of *Schindler's List*.

Over 200 students heard testimony from Holocaust survivor, Harry Fox, at Warlingham School.



Student at Court Moor School wearing a paperclip © Court Moor School/Rachel Hamlienko



Display by pupils at Castle School in Deal © Castle School



Inter-faith commemoration © Worthing Council

Community Events

A service of commemoration took place at St Mary's Parish Church in Andover.

A service was hosted by the nuns of the Convent of the Poor Clares and promoted by the three churches of Arundel with children from local schools participating.

About 100 people attended a short wreath laying ceremony at Basingstoke war memorial.

Between Jan 24 and Feb 1, Brighton and Hove Council organised a number of film screenings, discussions and workshops to coincide with HMD.

The Mixed Blessings Theatre Company in Brighton held a day of events including an exhibition and DVD showing in the afternoon. In the evening a Holocaust Memorial tribute took place including a presentation on the theme **Stand up to Hatred** and a chance to meet, talk, mix, view and share experiences.

Brighton & Hove Progressive Synagogue held a unique Holocaust Memorial Service with readers from across the Jewish community, Orthodox, Reform, AJEX and welfare groups. The group used their Czech scroll and explained its significance to the congregation which included the Mayor and many other civic and inter-faith leaders. A young violinist and member of the choir sang the Yiddish *Partizanen-Lid* and the melody was taken up softly by those who knew it.

The Westgate Hall in Canterbury held a day of music, poetry, exhibitions and talks by students with closing thoughts from a Holocaust survivor.

Four Medway schools joined with Medway Council and local faith groups at Chatham Memorial Synagogue for an HMD service. The students designed **Stand up to Hatred** wristbands.

An art exhibition by Paul Winner and visual and static displays by local students were held at Deal Town Hall. A service was held at the Memorial Tree at St George's Church.

Folkestone Town Council and Schools 9th HMD commemoration and reflection was held at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone.

A walk took place on the former RAF Greenham Common site to mark HMD09.

St. Mary in the Castle held a memorial service that featured music from the film *Schindler's List*. The service was organised by the Council of Christians and Jews, the Hasting and District Jewish Society and the Christian Friends of Israel. Year eight pupils at Helenswood School took part in a range of performing arts activities to commemorate HMD.

Havant Borough Council organised a non denominational service at its Holocaust Memorial Day event in Havant Cemetery. The service was led by Cllr Gerald Shimbart. Readings were given by The Leader of the Council Tony Briggs, the Mayor of Havant Cllr John Smith and Cllr Mrs Elaine Shimbart.

The Salvation Army Hall in Newport, Isle of Wight was the venue for a non-religious event which aimed to remind people of the horrors of ethnic cleansing.

West Berkshire Council Chairman Keith Chopping planted a commemorative tree outside the council's offices in Newbury.

A city wide event took place in Oxford to allow residents to remember and reflect upon the Holocaust.

A ceremony for councillors and staff, led by the Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, Cllr Tony Crabbe, was held at County Hall in Oxford. After an introduction by the Chairman, the Statement of Commitment was read by a former Chairman of the Council. This was followed by a viewing of *The Hate Game* and readings by two Oxfordshire schoolchildren. Local school children also visited an exhibition on the life of Anne Frank at Oxford Synagogue.

The D-Day Museum in Portsmouth held a poster display on Holocaust lessons and short film showings throughout the day. The day included readings by members of the poetry society.

Local dignitaries gathered to commemorate HMD in Ramsgate. The ceremony included a two minute silence followed by a traditional Yom Kippur song.

Reading Council for Racial Equality and Reading Council held a commemorative evening which included presentations by Cirila Lewis on *A Jewish Child in Hiding* and Owen Muganda on political violence in Zimbabwe. This was followed by Reading Borough Council presenting a progress report on the Community Cohesion Strategy for Reading.

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council held a civic event which included a contribution from the Borough's Youth Council and music by the Clapton Klezmer duo and was attended by a number of community and faith representatives.

A special service was held at St Paul's Church in Rusthall to commemorate HMD.

A simple ceremony was held at Seaford Head Community College culminating in the planting of a tree. The Chair of Lewes District Council, councillors and members of the public joined students in making their own contribution in the form of readings or their own thoughts.

Young people lit candles and laid white-roses during a service to mark HMD at St Mary's Church, Shoreham.

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2009, Southampton's Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Day Committee, in conjunction with Oasis Academy Lords Hill, Southampton Solent University and Southampton University's Parkes Institute, hosted a commemorative event at the Sir James Matthews Building, Southampton Solent University. The event featured a lecture by Dr Shirli Gilbert of the University



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of Southampton entitled *Sounds of Resistance: Music from the Holocaust, Apartheid and Segregation*, film of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, and testimony from refugee activists read by local pupils and students.

The University of Sussex held a full day programme including lectures and question and answer sessions. Holocaust survivor Anita Lasker-Wallfisch spoke about her experiences in Bergen-Belsen and Auschwitz where she played in the camp orchestra.

Surrey Police launched a new website to report hate crime to coincide with HMD.

A wreath of white lilies was laid at Tunbridge Wells war memorial to mark HMD.

The third annual act of remembrance at Winchester Cathedral for HMD was held in the context of Choral Evensong. Among those present were the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, the Mayor of Winchester, the Chairman of Hampshire County Council and over twenty other civic dignitaries from all over Hampshire. Canon Riem led part of the service by using both Christian and Jewish prayers and a very moving poem about the suffering experienced by so many. A candle was lit in the centre of the Quire as a sign of remembrance and hope.

A short service was held in Worthing with contributions from Worthing Youth Council and representatives of the local Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities.

Folkestone Town Council and local schools have worked together for nine years to put on the annual *Folkestone Remembers* commemoration. Stand up to Hatred inspired the community to take over a local theatre for reflections through film, music, readings and dance and involving as many schools and community groups as possible. Youth performance expert and Holocaust educator Jonathan Salt led an afternoon musical workshop for teenagers.

Young people, from a wide variety of backgrounds worked together to guide visitors through the exhibition before sharing the story of Janusz Korczak and orphans in the Warsaw Ghetto. Interwoven between the workshop pieces were a contemporary dance piece inspired by the poem *First they came* and readings. Korczak's educational note were read by dignitaries and representatives of community groups linking history to present hopes. A call to action brought diverse groups and individuals together. From the opening notes to the final refrain this was an inclusive occasion highlighting the importance of everyone's contribution within Folkestone society.

South West

Education Events

6th formers at the Royal High School Bath set up a working party for HMD09. They displayed HMD posters and postcards and ran a special school commemoration.

Students at Brockworth Enterprise School in Gloucestershire commemorated HMD with a series of events including designing a fashion accessory with the message Stop the Hatred and a mind mapping exercise to discuss what was known about the Holocaust.

Pupils at St Piran's Primary School in Cornwall took part in a special assembly to mark HMD.

Berek Obuchowski, a Holocaust survivor, visited Dartmouth Community College.

At ISCA College of Media Arts in Exeter dramas were performed to younger students about the Holocaust. All tutor groups watched *The Hate Game*.

Students in Filton gathered for a special service to mark HMD.

Great Torrington Sports College students travelled to Exeter to show a film they had made, with Holocaust survivors, about the importance of remembering.

Teign School near Newton Abbot devoted a whole day to learning about the Holocaust and the film *Schindler's List* was shown.

Students from schools in Plymstock and Plympton listened to Holocaust survivor, Solly Irving tell his story.

Students at King Edward VI College in Totnes presented a performance of *Ghetto* by Joseph Sobol.

Community Events

A service of reflection, remembrance, education and challenge including candle lighting was held at Living Springs Metropolitan Community Church in Bath.

Rabbi Francis Ronald Berry of the Bristol and West Progressive Congregation gave the main address at Bath's civic commemoration, assisted by Human Rights Champion Cllr Sarah Bevan. Two local musicians played kletschmer music.

A candle lit prayer vigil for peace and tolerance with prayer stations, opportunities to write on a prayer wall, a short service of reconciliation and commitment to working for a world where none are hated for creed, colour or race was held at St Mary's Church, Bitton.

The Pavilion in Bournemouth was the venue for a talk about the experiences of a Holocaust survivor followed by speakers talking about hatred that they have faced in the 21st Century.

Bournemouth Reform Synagogue held a commemoration ceremony.

An exhibition on the Kindertransport was displayed at Bournemouth Library.

A HMD memorial service was held in the Cemetery Chapel in Bournemouth led by Father John Hyde.

Alison Hunt, whose father was a refugee from Nazi Germany, gave a lecture at Bournemouth Natural Science Society Museum.

An HMD service was held by the Genesis Fellowship in Bournemouth.

Bridgwater Peace Group marked HMD by laying flowers on the war memorial in King Square.

Bridport Arts Centre exhibited two installations - *How did I come to be here?* by Lorna Brunstein and *connected* by David Rogers and Nigel Slight. The theatre space was used to develop new works.

Bristol Council's commemorative event looked at the Holocaust from a perspective of equality groups with contribution from Freedom Youth (LGBT) discussing how Lesbians and Gay men suffered in the Holocaust and Disabled young people talking about how Disabled people suffered. Eva Fielding-Jackson shared her experiences as a Second generation Holocaust survivor.

The School of Education at the University of West England hosted two displays - one focusing on the theme of **Stand up to Hatred** and one on the experiences of Roma and Sinti groups with ideas for teaching the Holocaust at secondary level.

Cirencester Methodist and Baptist Churches came together for an afternoon service of remembrance and reflection and evening showing of the film *The Pianist*.

A 30 minute meditation with short readings, long silences, and prayers suitable for those of any religion was held St Paul's Church, Clifton.

An hour long event was hosted by the South West Dorset Multi Cultural Network at Dorchester Town Hall, with contributions from local schools, including film, song, dance, poetry and exhibitions.

South West Dorset Multi-Cultural Network placed a display in Weymouth and Bridport Libraries. The display included an HMD Tree, to which visitors were encouraged to add their own thoughts and reflections.

Six panellists responded to questions from the audience at a panel discussion at County Hall in Exeter, this event was accompanied by an exhibition with a moment of reflection and lighting of candles to close at Exeter Guildhall.

Gloucestershire County Council joined with Severn Vale School for a commemoration which included readings, reflections on the HMD09 theme and a reading of *Kaddish*.

Harry Olmer, a Holocaust survivor from Poland who survived 5 concentration camps, was the main speaker at a service held at Oldway Mansion in Paignton.

Earnest Freed, former President of Torbay Hebrew Congregation took part in a short service of remembrance at the Memorial Olive Tree in Paignton.

Stand up to Hatred - an evening of reflection, through readings and music in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress was held at Lower Guildhall in Plymouth.

The Plymouth Hebrew Congregation, the Plymouth Church Leaders Meeting, the Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity and Plymouth City Council held a ceremony of remembrance with contributions from the Lord Mayor of Plymouth and representatives of the Christian, Hindu and Jewish faiths.

The Kehillat Kernow Jewish Community held a short HMD service at the home of one of its members in Redruth.

A remembrance event at The Guild Hall in Salisbury commemorated all victims of genocide through readings, poetry, music, dance and prayers.

Mark Goldfinger and Werner Oder told the stories of their lives at the City Hall in Salisbury.

Local author Jonathan Walker gave a lecture at Sidmouth Library about British knowledge of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Swindon Borough Council marked HMD with a wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph followed by a time for contemplation, with words and a quiet time together with speakers from different faith groups and community groups, and individuals, at the Friends Meeting House.

A joint event sponsored by Somerset College and Somerset County Council was held at St John's Church in Taunton involving people from those communities living with prejudice and hatred, inviting reflection on the past so we can learn for the future.

Werrington Ladies Circle held a short talk about the aims of HMD and this year's theme.



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South Tyneside candle-lighting
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Rooted in and stretching beyond the LGBT community, Living Springs Metropolitan Church in Bath held an HMD service which was imaginative, modern and inclusive. Sharing it were members of the public and the Mayor. Members of the Church spoke openly about their experiences of inclusion and exclusion in Bath. During the service individuals offered personal prayers for those who had been and who were the victims of hatred. Using the HMD list of victims' names people placed stones and candles to help them focus on "real, individual and valued people who suffered and who still suffer rather than statistics". There was time to reflect on ordinary lives in Nazi dominated Europe and chance to focus on more recent genocides and on present day victims of hatred.

Each year many of Britain's libraries commemorate HMD with a variety of events such as displays and exhibitions, highlighting the many fact and fiction books, plays and poetry collections in stock which can help with exploring HMD. Events in libraries included readers' group events and discussions about HMD. Events in 2009 included *Be Heard – Podcasts Against Hatred* at Sighthill Library in Edinburgh where young people created podcasts in the form of a radio show; the Chatterbooks children's reading group in Newcastle upon Tyne read *The Life of Anne Frank* and an illustrated talk showing photographs of Austrian Jewish families in inter-war central Europe was given at Willesden Green Library in Brent. You can keep up to date with new readers' group activities which are updated throughout the year at www.hmd.org.uk

Wales

Education Events

Following on from an activity day in conjunction with HMDT in November, ValleysKids hosted a memorial event on the theme of **Stand up to Hatred**. There was an exhibition, keynote speaker, reflections on the Holocaust and a performance by Penygraig Youth Theatre of *One Hundred Thousand Whys* by Ceri Townsend.

Having visited Auschwitz during October 2008, History staff and sixth form students of St John Baptist School, Aberdare led two school assemblies. A third assembly was taken by student members of the school council. School governors, local clergy and councillors joined each assembly. The school community reflected upon the profound moral issues raised by marking the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and prayed for the victims of all genocides.

Children at Mountain Ash Primary school in Buckley, Flintshire took part in a special assembly.

At Argoed School, Mold, a special HMD display was mounted in the library.

St Albans School in Pontypool held a week of services to commemorate HMD with all 1100 pupils participating.

Year 10 pupils at Pontypridd High School held presentations at three assemblies to the whole school, one of which was attended by the Mayor of Rhondda Cynon Taff.

A whole school assembly was held at Pontarddulais Comprehensive School in Swansea which included a range of pupil readings.

The Lewis Girls School in Rhymney Valley held a short HMD commemoration ceremony.

Community Events

The Morlan Centre in Aberystwyth offered an opportunity to sit in quiet by candlelight to contemplate Holocaust Memorial Day and also to light a candle for all those suffering in the world as a result of hatred and war.

A showing of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* was held at the Drill Hall in Chepstow.

A service of remembrance was held at Gwynedd Museum and Art Gallery, Bangor.

The Last Goodbye was displayed at Art Central in Barry and was accompanied by film screenings and library events.

Bridgend County Council organised a commemoration ceremony at the grand pavilion in Porthcawl.



St Asaph Royal British Legion Parade
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Refugees from Darfur at the University of Wales
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Student performance
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A National Remembrance Service was held at Cardiff City Hall and included music from a local choir and poetry readings.

Emmanuel Christian Centre in Llandudno screened *Lest we forget* to mark HMD.

Schools and youth groups from across the County Borough of Neath & Port Talbot remembered victims of the Holocaust through song, dance and poetry.

Representatives from over 35 schools across the City of Newport attended a service at Newport Cathedral which included the Mayor of the City, the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff for Gwent. Also in attendance was a former prisoner of war who had been imprisoned just outside Auschwitz.

A commemorative event was held at the University of Wales, Newport which raised awareness of exclusion and included testimony from Darfuri refugees.

A parade was followed by a short service of remembrance at the St Asaph war memorial. A wreath was laid by the Royal British Legion and two students laid a wreath on behalf of the St Asaph community.

A large event at Brangwyn Hall in Swansea included performances of music and poetry by local groups and schools plus guest speakers commemorating individuals who have met the challenge of hatred.

Every year Swansea holds a major commemoration of HMD which attracts over 1000 people and is the largest event held in Wales.

The event involves contributions from schools across the City and County of Swansea and in 2009 included music from Gwyr and St Helen's schools, music and poetry from Pentrehafod School and assembly highlights from Cefn Hengoed School.

In addition to music from South Wales Police Band, readings, dance and the reading of the statement of commitment, the audience was led in the Pan-Wales Pledge, created for the national commemoration of HMD held in Wales in 2006.

The fight for justice starts and ends with me.

Truth is the sound of what I may say.

I can only be well when others are free

And right has a price I'm prepared to pay.

I refuse to be afraid

Of force or hatred.

I will pull their lies like weeds,

Plant gardens of more generous seeds.

If I turn my back and walk away

Who'll ask for others what I want for me?

I can only be well when others are free

And right has a price I'm prepared to pay.

Everyone attending the commemoration was given the names of Holocaust and genocide victims to consider during the service to emphasise the human stories and individual destruction that hatred can cause.



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West Midlands

Coventry

Coventry hosted the national commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day and held a number of community events to coincide with the national event.

The Anne Frank + You exhibition was held at Coventry Cathedral throughout January.

Cat and Mouse, a bold and unsettling vision of the lives of mice in Warsaw trying to escape the clutches of evil cats was performed by 50 Coventry schoolchildren at the Belgrade Theatre.

There was a screening of the Academy Award-winning documentary *Anne Frank Revisited* at Warwick Art Centre which combined personal testimony, photos, family letters, and archive footage.

Locally based composer and BAFTA winner Ilona Sekacz worked with 12 soloists and an ensemble and performed *Brundibar* - a children's opera in the Lower Precinct. Originally composed by Jewish Czech composer Hans Krasa, *Brundibar* was performed by the children of Theresienstadt concentration camp in occupied Czechoslovakia. The name *Brundibar* comes from a Czech colloquialism for a bumble bee.

The One Voice Choir performed at The Herbert Art Gallery. A narrator and three choirs (one male, one female and one children's) told the story of just one of the many victims of the Holocaust up to the point at which he was sent away from his home. It evoked a sense of loss while celebrating the lives of those who were murdered.

A **Stand up to Hatred** walk offered an opportunity for everyone from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds to collectively come together to make an active commitment to **Stand up to Hatred**.

Dr Christoph Mick spoke about the Holocaust in the context of Nazi politics and ideology at The Herbert Gallery.

Local schools worked with artists and composers to produce a number of public artworks and performances including *Who Am I?*, *The Suitcase*, *Together we Stand* and *Brundibar*.

Film showings at Warwick Arts Centre included *Waltz with Bashir*, *Defiance* and *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.

Education Events

Boys from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds at Handsworth School, Birmingham joined together in special assemblies and learned more about the work of the White Rose resistance group.

Solihull School held a whole school assembly.

Alexandra School in Tipton held a service including pupil readings on Bosnia, Rwanda and the Nazi persecution of Jews.

Prints by students at Stafford College were exhibited to mark HMD.

The New Vic Borderlines team and pupils from nine schools took part in a special performance exploring the HMD09 theme at the New Vic Theatre.

Community Events

A ceremony at Birmingham Town Hall remembered victims and survivors of the Holocaust and genocide. Speeches, music, performances, and poetry readings enabled everyone to reflect on experiences and issues. A concert also took place at Birmingham Conservatoire.

Auschwitz survivor Mindu Hornick spoke about her experiences at the Guild of Students, University of Birmingham.

HMP & YOI Brinsford commemorated HMD with displays including information created by prisoners during education classes, guided silences and chapel activities themed on **Stand up to Hatred**.

A short service was held by the memorial plaque in front of the pond in Sanders Park, Bromsgrove.

Dudley College hosted an HMD event which remembered victims and survivors of the Holocaust, as well as other genocides from around the world. Speeches by guest speakers including Mala Tribich (Holocaust survivor), poetry readings by local college and school pupils, lighting of a candle of peace and viewing of *The Hate Game* enabled all those affected by the Holocaust and genocides or other acts of hate crime, either directly or indirectly, to reflect on these experiences and issues.

Hereford Museum & Art Gallery hosted *Auktion 392: Reclaiming the Gallerie Stern, Dusseldorf* a touring exhibition on loan from Ben Uri, London Jewish Museum of Art. The exhibition explores the efforts towards restitution of the many artworks stolen. Also featured was artwork from Hereford Museum's collections by Edith Birkin, a Hereford based Holocaust survivor, who has documented her experiences of the Holocaust through her art.

There was a procession from Redditch Town Hall to Worcester Square in the Kingfisher Shopping Centre where a selection of readings, poems and music were presented to mark the day. Among those in attendance was Rt Hon Jacqui Smith MP, Home Secretary.

HMYOI Onley in Rugby ran the HMDT PowerPoint presentations on two computers and presented a display of materials in the prison library. A chaplain was available to man the display, answer questions and offer support in case anyone found the material distressing.

Sevenside Housing organised a community event to mark HMD. Residents worked with police officers to investigate issues surrounding hate crime.

A number of events took place in Shrewsbury to celebrate a successful initiative that made it easier for people to report hate crimes.

A ceremony was held in Touchwood's map room to mark HMD. Rabbi Pink led a one minute's silence that was observed in council, care trust and Solihull community housing buildings across the Borough.

Chelmsley Wood and Solihull Libraries displayed exhibits throughout January to mark HMD.

An exhibition and displays were opened by civic dignitaries at the Civic Offices in Telford.

A multi-faith commemorative event was held at Walsall New Art Gallery.

The Wolverhampton HMD09 service included contributions from a number of faith communities in Wolverhampton and short addresses by the Mayor of Wolverhampton Councillor Christine Mills.

HMP Long Lartin in Worcestershire marked HMD by producing posters and displaying them on each wing. Pieces of writing and poetry were displayed around the walls and some pieces read during coffee breaks.

In Wolverhampton, a number of faith communities joined together to mark HMD. Short addresses by the Major of Wolverhampton Cllr Christine Mills, the Right Reverend Clive Gregory, The Bishop of Wolverhampton was interspersed with poetry and readings by representatives from the Hindu, Sikh, Jewish and Muslim communities and a presentation by students from St. Peter's Collegiate Church of England school on the strategies they have in place to combat hatred. The event was attended by local dignitaries, community leaders and war veterans.

A few days before HMD, the University of Wolverhampton played host to Holocaust survivor, Steven Frank. Born in Amsterdam in 1935, Steven was taken to the Theresienstadt camp, in what is now the Czech Republic, in 1944, and spent more than six months there before being liberated by Russian troops in May 1945. Every year the university hosts a lecture to mark HMD.

Yorkshire & Humberside

Education Events

Schools and education establishments across the region marked HMD09 in a variety of ways:

Schoolchildren from Bradford created an education pack about human rights to accompany a travelling exhibition about Anne Frank.

Ashville College in Harrogate held three major events including a talk by the daughter of a refugee from Nazi persecution, an assembly and a guest speaker from a local synagogue who spoke on the theme **Stand up to Hatred**.

Students of Morley High School, Leeds reflected on the **Stand up to Hatred** theme during form periods. A candle was also lit at Morley Town Hall.

Religious Studies students at Scarborough 6th Form College worked together to produce a patchwork collage to display in the days leading up to HMD.

The five houses at All Saints Catholic High School in Sheffield attended special assemblies for HMD and reflected upon issues highlighted in *The Hate Game*.

Pupils at Kiveton Park Meadows Junior School in Sheffield used the story *The Yellow Star* (the legend of King Christian X of Denmark) to create a theme of "stars" and identify the things which make us all different.

History students from Whitby Community College conducted a survey to find out how much the local community knew and understood about the Holocaust.

Community Events

Barnsley Central Library put together an information pack and book display about genocide. Other libraries displayed books relevant to the HMD09 theme.

Using the story of Arek Hersh a local dance theatre group, Qdos, brought to life aspects of the theme at a commemoration at Barnsley Civic Hall.

The Town Mayor of Brigg and his Chaplain led a ceremony in reflection on the atrocities of the Holocaust. Stones were laid at the Holocaust Memorial in memory of the millions of people whose lives were taken.

An exhibition in memory of the victims of the Holocaust was displayed at Brigg's Angel Courtyard. A book of remembrance was also displayed.

Calderdale Council held a civic event which focused on the damage caused to individuals by acts of hatred and hate crime. A panel of specially invited guests took part in the evening.



Der Sturmer, Nazi propaganda newspaper © Wiener Library



Residents of North West Lincolnshire visited the Holocaust Centre © North West Lincolnshire Council



Calderdale Council panel discussion © Calderdale Council

The Dewsbury HMD Organising Committee, for the sixth year running, marked Holocaust Memorial Day with a ceremony of remembrance in the town centre.

Together with Kirklees Museums and Galleries, young people from Kirklees looked at how people in partnership can **Stand up to Hatred**. They introduced the audience at Dewsbury Town Hall to the work of artists Robert Perry and Mohsen Keiany. The event also included music, poetry, presentations and a candlelit act of commemoration, led by the Mayor of Kirklees.

A wreath was laid at Doncaster Museum by Mayor Martin Winter and a teenager from Israel.

An event at The Mansion House in Doncaster highlighted local people who have overcome adversity with the aim of promoting cohesion within the community and discussing barriers that are still faced by people today.

Local dignitaries attended a short service to mark HMD at Grimsby Town Hall. The Mayor of North East Lincolnshire lit a candle in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

Harrogate's Hebrew congregation marked HMD with a special service attended by local dignitaries.

Huddersfield Art Gallery hosted a unique collaboration between two painters, one from the Christian and one from the Islamic tradition. Robert Perry and Mohsen Keiney exhibit their work together as a way of sharing their friendship and expressing their abhorrence of prejudice, intolerance, violence and war. Mohsen was a boy soldier during the Iran-Iraq war and Robert's work reflects on his time in battle and the concentration camps.

Hull City Council held a commemoration ceremony to mark HMD. The Albemarle Quintet performed at the event.

HMP Leeds produced a display on the Holocaust that was displayed in different wings.

A candle-lit vigil to mark HMD was held at St. James Church, York Road in Leeds.

Leeds annual civic commemoration was hosted by the Lord Mayor and included speeches by Dr Stephen Smith and various faith and community leaders. The Theatre Company Blah Blah Blah worked with young people from Roundhay School Technology College and performed a short piece inspired by the story of Ruby Bridges and her parents' courage to **Stand up to Hatred**. Artwork contributed by local schools also featured at the event, along with live music.

Enosh (Man) - a short oratorio for soprano, choir and piano based on melodies normally sung in Synagogue services with recitatives telling the story of the Holocaust in 'telegram' form was performed at the Town Hall in Leeds.

The parish church of St John the Baptist, Lincoln held an evening service of reflections and prayers remembering victims of the Holocaust and more recent victims of genocide.

Young people in Rotherham came together to organise a public event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. There were a variety of family-friendly activities and performances including a dance to the music of *Schindler's List* to highlight the importance of remaining active in stopping genocide and celebrating diversity.

The North Lincolnshire Council HMD ceremony was held at Pittwood House in Scunthorpe and was open to everyone. The St Barnabas School Choir opened the ceremony. The Multi Faith Partnership led the ceremony and children from local schools read poems. After his words of welcome the Mayor, Cllr Ishaq Jawaid MBE, lit the candle and invited everyone to lay a stone around it in memory of the millions of people who have lost their lives in conflict around the world.

Sheffield Hallam University hosted talks by Holocaust survivors and film viewings

Sheffield Council invited residents to join together in the Winter Garden for a candlelit memorial ceremony to mark HMD. Speakers including Sheffield school pupils used a series of readings, stories and images to help us to **Stand up to Hatred** and to learn how important lessons from our history can help us to deal with the issues of today.

Wakefield Cathedral hosted a lunch time concert by Ali Bullivent which included a variety of songs marking her personal response to the Holocaust in Vienna.

The City Picturehouse in York held special film screenings of *Sophie Scholl* and *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* with a Q&A session with director Mark Herman.

York's historic Guildhall featured a display of art and educational material from the Holocaust Survivors Friendship Association, the Crown Prosecution Service, Refugee Action York and York St John's Collaborating for Creativity Department.

Barton Scouts spent an evening session learning about the Holocaust with HMD presentations and photographs from Auschwitz-Birkenau.



Holocaust survivors Wal & Ibi Ginsburg
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To commemorate HMD09 Calderdale Council focused on the impact that hatred and hate crime has on the lives of individuals.

The evening, at The Victoria Theatre in Halifax, began with a display and exhibition and heard from students who had visited Auschwitz-Birkenau and Holocaust survivor Eugene Black. Discussing their experiences of hatred were Doreen Lawrence, mother of Stephen Lawrence; Sherri Dobrowski, mother of Jody Dobrowski who was murdered in a homophobic attack; Colin Parry whose son Tim died in a terrorist bombing and David Quarmby a blind man who has been the victim of Disability hate crime. The event also included contributions from Calderdale's Inter-faith group, a performance of *El Male Rachamim* and music from Bradford Women Singers.

Everyone attending was challenged to **Stand up to Hatred** and to write a pledge card explaining how they would do this. Attendees were also invited to leave their own thoughts and comments included "An exceptional line-up of speakers who really brought home the relevance of the Holocaust to the present day"; "It was an extremely moving, poignant and impartial reminder of our past and an opportunity for us to consider what we can do to change the path of hatred" and "It reminds me that all I do and say must come from a perspective of love, peace and respect for every human being."

A short film entitled *The Hate Game* was produced for HMD09 which recreated real-life incidents of persecution, discrimination and hate crime as scenes from a simulated computer game.

The film comprises of scenes exploring the stories of *Kristallnacht*; Robert Wagemann, a Disabled German boy whose mother overheard his doctor discussing 'putting him to sleep' and subsequently saved him; Doreen Lawrence whose son, Stephen, was killed in a racist attack in 1994; Lee Duncan, who after being subject to a campaign of homophobic taunts, decided to stand up to his bullies, a Muslim mother who was turned away from her son's school for refusing to remove her niqab and 15 year-old Gabriella Soffer who suffered anti-semitic taunts and a physical assault before an elderly lady intervened.

Over 1500 copies of the film were sent to schools and community groups across the country and can still be viewed on the HMDT website www.hmd.org.uk.

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