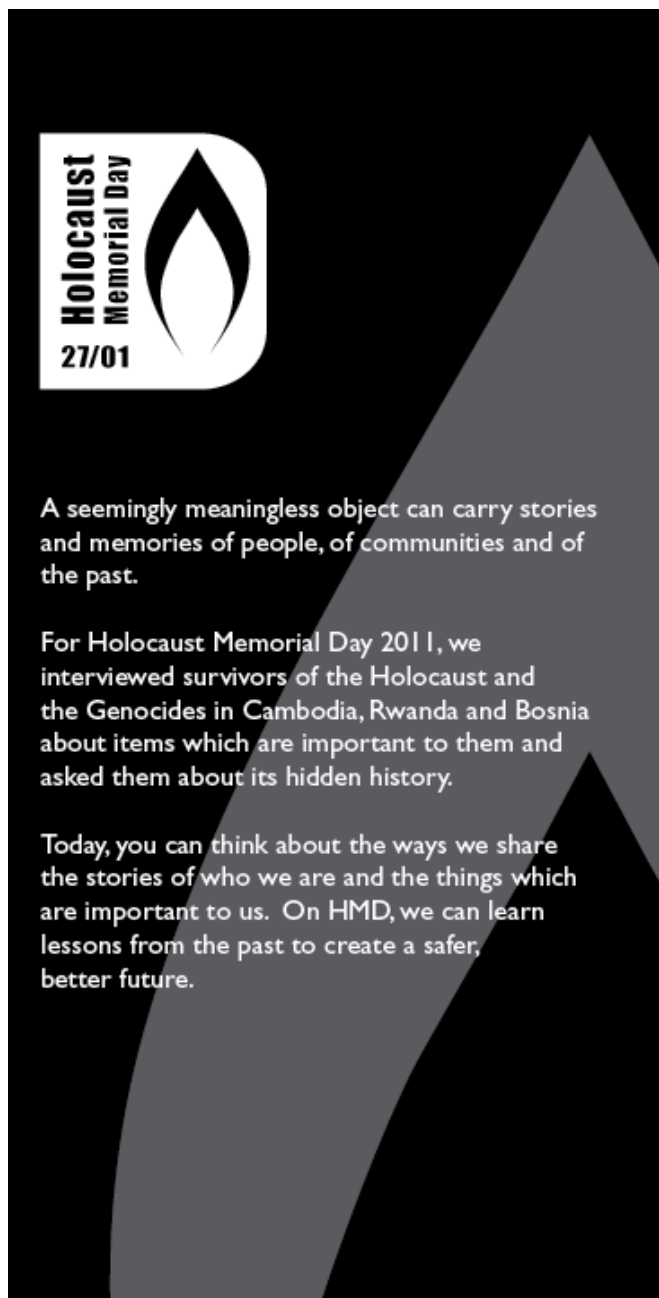




Hidden Histories

This exhibition is a set of six pull-up banners which were created for HMD 2011, [Untold Stories](#). Each survivor reveals an object from their lives before genocide and its significance to them. Each panel is 1200mm x 2000mm.



Whilst it was created for the HMD 2011 UK Event, the exhibition remains relevant for use as part of a HMD activity.

We have two of these exhibitions for hire, so if you would like to hire this exhibition, please call **0845 838 1883** or email enquiries@hmd.org.uk and fill in the [booking form](#).

**Jean Louis Mazimpaka,
survivor of the Genocide in Rwanda**

'It's hard to speak about what happened. But it helps me, because I am doing something to continue the memory. People are shocked that it happened, that they didn't know. It is exhausting, but that is what we have left, the story of our loved ones.'



Photograph of family and friends

Jean Louis has a special photograph, it was taken at a Christmas party in 1993 and it is of his family and friends celebrating together. Out of all of the people in this photo, only Jean Louis survived the Genocide in Rwanda which led to the murder of approximately one million Tutsis in 100 days in 1994. Jean Louis survived by entering the waters of Lake Kivu and swimming to safety. He returned to his home town a year after the genocide and he was given this photograph by a Hutu friend. It is the only possession he has from his life before the genocide.

Iby Knill, Holocaust survivor

'Every human being has a value, is somebody. We must learn this – differences in colour and religion don't matter – under the skin we are all the same.'



My Father's watch-chain

Every day, Iby wears a bracelet which is made from the chain of her father's watch. Iby survived the Holocaust and was only reunited with items from her past because family friends kept them safe. Today, Iby speaks to many people about her experiences and has recently published her testimony.

**Jack Kagan,
Holocaust survivor and partisan**

'Please remember that there was a bright, cultural life in the bubbling town of Novogrodek which everyone knew, but now only a Magen David remains, because nothing else is left.'



Novogrodek Synagogue's Magen David

Jack escaped from the labour camp at Novogrodek in 1941 and joined a group of partisans, fighting to resist the Nazis. Today, there is no Jewish community or synagogue in the town. Jack was presented with the Magen David when he visited Novogrodek in 1993. It is now on display at the Jewish Museum, London.

**Denise Affonço,
survivor of the Genocide in Cambodia**

'I still believe in the goodness of man. Those who did those awful things to us were only a small section of humanity.'



Court transcript

Denise received this typed copy of an account of four years of her life shortly after she and her son arrived in France. She had originally written this in pencil on carbon paper in 1979 when she was in a Vietnamese refugee camp to be used in the trial of Pol Pot. She survived the Genocide in Cambodia, but her husband was murdered and her daughter died of starvation. Although many years have passed since Denise received her testimony from the Vietnamese Embassy, she still treasures it as it reminds her of her fight for justice.

**Kemal Pervanic,
survivor of the Genocide in Bosnia**

'This life is about what we can do. I've been making a difference and if I can, others can. We make the world the way it is, so look around, help those around you.'



Family Photograph

Kemal bought us a photograph of his family, he is the baby in his mother's arms. After surviving the concentration camp in Omarska with his brother, Kemal was reunited with his parents in the UK. He thought this photo was lost forever until he visited his aunt in Bosnia 10 years after the end of the genocide where she gave him this copy. He has never shared this with anyone before.