



Quotations for Holocaust Memorial Day 2012

Speak Up, Speak Out

The following quotations can be used to support your programme for HMD 2012 **Speak Up, Speak Out**. Whether you include them within a speech or on a flyer for your event, these quotations can provide a memorable summary of the messages of your activity.

Quotations

'In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.' **Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Rights Leader**

'I swore never to be silent whenever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.' – **Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor**

'Speech is power: Speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.' - **Ralph Waldo Emerson, Writer**

'If you don't speak out, if you don't clear your mind, then who are you?' – **Ai Weiwei, Artist**

'If I am not speaking, then who is speaking for me?' – **Laura Dockrill, Poet**

'Everything becomes a little different as soon as it is spoken out loud' – **Herman Hesse, Author**

'I had to react. I was seething with anger; I had to stop those words forever. And to do so, I had to bear witness, tell everything, demand restitution for my past, a past I shared with so many others, with people who had been buried and forgotten in Europe's darkest hours. I had to bear witness in order to protect the future, bear witness in order to overcome the amnesia of my contemporaries.' **Pierre Seel, Gay man persecuted by the Nazis**

'Nothing that I can do will change the structure of the universe. But maybe, by raising my voice I can help the greatest of all causes – goodwill among men and peace on earth.' **Albert Einstein, Scientist**

'Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes the human voice to infuse them with shades of deeper meaning.' **Maya Angelou, Author**

'Eliminate the word hate from your vocabulary. That is a start. Don't hate people, try to understand them. I find if you are decent to people they will be on the same wavelength as you. Let's have friendliness rather than suspicion and hate.' **Iolo Lewis, Witness to the liberation of Bergen Belsen**