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Holocaust Memorial Day Trust
Annual Review



HMDT is a charity which works to raise awareness of **Holocaust Memorial Day. 27 January** provides an opportunity for everyone to learn lessons from the Holocaust and subsequent genocides and apply them to the present day to create a safer, better future.

On **HMD** we share the memory of the millions who were murdered in the Holocaust and under Nazi persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur in order to challenge hatred and persecution in the UK today.

HMD 2011 was our most successful Holocaust Memorial Day to date. With more activities taking place in neighbourhoods up and down the UK, more online engagement and new developments in the way in which we work, we're really proud of working with our huge network of supporters, volunteers and advisors. The way in which we remember the past is changing. Back in January 2010 – the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau – we acknowledged the very sad fact that we are losing the voices of the survivors of the Holocaust and that we must all play a part in ensuring we carry their experiences and hopes forward with us into the future in a Legacy of Hope.

HMD 2011 asked everyone to go further, to consider the experiences of those who are no longer with us and those who did not survive the Holocaust or subsequent genocides. We asked our activity organisers, our followers on twitter, those who engage with HMD in their schools and communities and our website visitors (as well as everyone else) to consider **Untold Stories** on Holocaust Memorial Day. We wanted people to think about their own stories, how they are made and how they share them after taking inspiration from the stories of those whose memories have not always been heard. We asked everyone to take advantage of the freedom we have to share our stories.

A special thank you from the HMDT Team

Our independent research found that

of those who ordered a pack through the HMDT website or through contacting the team rated the pack as `useful' or 'very useful'





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We sent out

8,206

Campaign Packs ahead of **HMD 2011**, and a further

1,880

were downloaded from the **HMDT** website

Booklets About



We sent out

61,050

copies in total...

Newsletter

Over **HMD 2011**, we secured a

540
increase in the number of subscribers to the newsletter bringing the total number of people who receive this to

5,155...



Online Film

In January 2011 alone, 28,498 people viewed the trailer. The film remains available on

the HMD website, YouTube and Vimeo









For HMD 2011, we launched a 'Hidden Histories' campaign which asked school children to explore how an object may reveal its owner's past.

Hidden Histories

Martha Blend, Kindertransportee

Today Martha uses her autograph book to share **Untold Stories** with young people. She donated the doll she brought with her to a museum where it is used to help visitors understand the story of the Kindertransport but she will never part with the autographs. She hopes that as she reads their messages to people they will understand more about what was lost when the Nazis were in power. The messages, written by the relatives and friends of one eight year old girl, represent the world destroyed by Nazi policies of hatred.





Almost

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people came together in the Royal Horticultural Halls

...and our youth event in York was attended by

young people from across the UK







Following on from the launch of our social media channels for **HMD 2010**, our following reached

Facebook Fans and

Twitter Followers

received fantastic support including a number of celebrities...

On HMD 2011, we

...Kirstie Allsopp



When your kids get home tonight light a candle with them.

http://www.hmd.org.uk/ every generation must understand the word Holocaust.

27 Jan via Twitter for iPhone grant Unfavorite 13 Retweet Septy

Retweeted by YVONNETTA and 100+ others



...Sarah Brown



Holocaust Memorial Day - in remembrance and in hope that people learn from the past http://bit.ly/ifnt7v (via @kevupnorth) #hmd2011

27 Jan via Twitter for BlackBerry® & Unfavorite 13 Retweet 1 Reply

Mentioned in this Tweet

kevupnorth Key Campbell-Wright · Follow

Father, advisor, ad hoc journalist, poet & busybody, making things happen in social media & innovation in education, local gov, campaigns & community. My views.

...Stephen Fry



@stephenfry Stephen Fry

Uncover Untold Stories of persecution and discrimination for #HMD2011 via @HMD_UK http://bit.ly/h14Zph Do RT

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Retweeted by davidonthemove and 100+ others



In 2010/11 well over 200,000 unique visitors came to the HMD website

In January 2011, our virtual candle was lit by over 51,000 people, an increase of 7,000 from HMD 2010.

Education

Through partnering with TES, we had

20,970
visitors to the HMD
Education Website and around

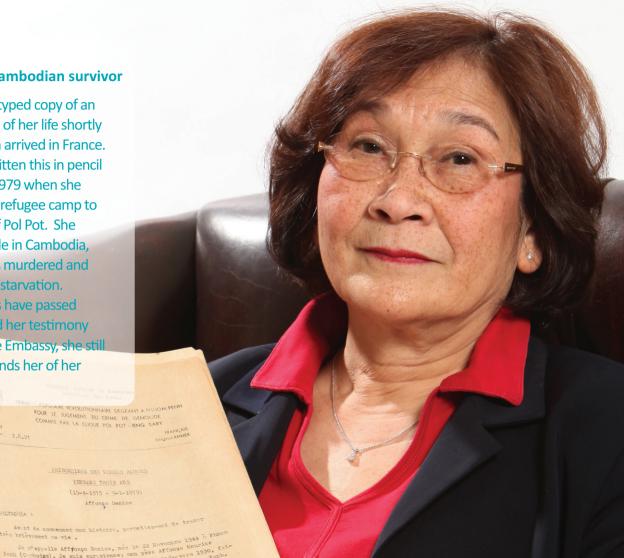
9,000
downloads



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Hidden Histories Denise Affonço - Cambodian survivor

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.



For the first time we commissioned a piece of independent research into **Holocaust Memorial Day** following **HMD 2011...**

100%

of people who visited **hmd.org.uk** rated the site as useful

49%
of respondents held activities for
100
or more people.

9496 said they'd go on to hold a

said they'd go on to hold a **HMD 2012** activity

evaluation the

'As a human being I want to say: "Never again" Online response

While over half of respondents had been involved with HMD before,

28%

of those holding activities were doing so for the first time.

of those who held a HMD activity in 2011 had ordered a Campaign Pack.

88% of all respondents had

visited one or both of the HMD websites

`Their website is very good I have to say. I always go on to the main HMD homepage first and there's a little tab called `Resources', I use that quite a lot and obviously we upload all our events to the `What's On' part.' University

of respondents followed the year's theme – Untold Stories

94% of all respondents

of all respondents answered positively when asked if they were likely to get involved in future Holocaust Memorial Days.

97%

of respondents rated their activities for Holocaust

Memorial Day 2011 a success.

We met over

200

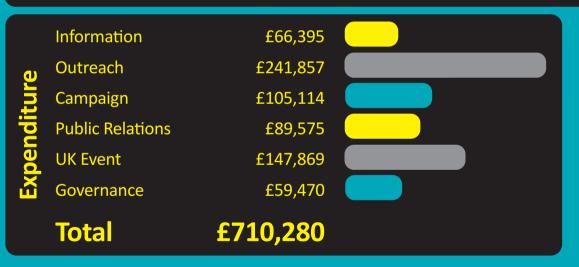
activity organisers and visited groups in Port Talbot, Belfast, Neath, Edinburgh, East Dunbartonshire, Hull, Manchester, Wrexham, Leicester, London, Cambridge and Plymouth







*The £1,125,000 received from DCLG in the year ended 31 May 2011 consists of £375,000 received for the year ending 31 March 2011 and £750,000 received in relation to the year to 31 March 2012.



The summarised financial information above is extracted from the full trustees' annual report and statutory financial statements, which were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 12 December 2011. The statutory financial statements, on which theauditors NWN Blue Squared gave an unqualified audit report on 12 December 2011, will be submitted to the Registrar of Companies and the Charity Commission within the appropriate timescale.

Against a backdrop of economic cuts and belts being tightened in public, private and charitable sectors, we were delighted to see a 68% increase in the number of events held across the UK in commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day. We saw almost 75,000 unique hits to our website in January alone, in the immediate lead-up to HMD.

We wrote last year about our strategic vision to 2015 and are pleased to say we are working hard to make our goals a reality.

- 72% of Local Authority areas held a HMD event in 2011 – a massive stride towards our goal of 100% in 2015
- 865 schools ordered a Campaign Pack for HMD 2011 and nearly 10,000 handout materials went to schools
- we have worked with a number of partner organisations, including the British Youth Council, to actively encourage a new generation of young activity organisers

- we continue to make best use of new technological developments to increase the capacity of our small team, using a tailor-made CRM to maintain accurate records of contact made as well as developing our use of social media
- we continue to work with arts and sports organisations at grassroots level and are using this experience to develop an arts and sports strategy
- we have produced a range of targeted materials for HMD this year, including tailored educational material, factsheets for police forces, libraries and local authorities
- we continue to showcase the work done at community level throughout the UK as an international exemplar of HMD commemoration

As ever, we would like to take this opportunity to recognise the invaluable support of our event-organisers, funders and those organisations and individuals who continue to offer advice, time and guidance – we could not continue to achieve as highly as we do without you.

We encourage you to pass this information on to others and to help spread the word about Holocaust Memorial Day.

We are rather unusual as a charity – we don't ask for people's money, but for their time and thought. We understand that time pressures mean that people aren't always able to donate their time as freely as once they were, and try to make it as easy as possible for people to get involved in commemorating HMD. When we share the memory of the millions who have been murdered in the Holocaust, through Nazi Persecution and in subsequent Genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur in order to challenge hatred and persecution and abuses of human rights today.

To support us, you could:

- pass this annual review on. We are proud of our achievements and want to tell the world about them. If you know someone who you think would be interested, please pass this booklet on
- give us a call. We love hearing feedback from event organisers on how the event went, how many people attended, how we could support you better next year

With best wishes.

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