

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2017 IN REVIEW

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Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) has a profound impact on individuals and communities all across the UK. 7,700 activities took place for HMD 2017, including national events in Scotland and Wales and a regional event in Northern Ireland. At all these events, people from all walks of life have learnt lessons from the past to create a safer, better future.

27 January provides an opportunity for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. On Holocaust Memorial Day we honour the survivors of these atrocities and use the lessons of their experience to challenge hatred and discrimination today.

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 was **How can life go on?**

The aftermath of the Holocaust and of subsequent genocides continues to raise challenging questions

for individuals, communities and nations. The theme for HMD 2017 asked everyone to think about what happens after genocide and of our own responsibilities in the wake of such a crime.

This year's theme was broad and open ended, with few known answers. As people across the UK came together to mark HMD 2017, they explored these issues and learnt from the experiences of victims, survivors and refugees. From prisons to schools, museums to workplaces, HMD continued to grow this year, with powerful messages shared in thousands of diverse settings.

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) is the charity established by the UK Government to promote and support HMD in the UK.

This year Laura Marks OBE was appointed as Chair of the HMDT Board of Trustees, succeeding Cathy Ashley.

HMD
established

HMDT
established

266
activities

466
activities

530
activities

445
activities

758
activities

2000

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2017
7,700
activities



1,276
activities

1,443
activities

2,006
activities

2,400
activities

3,600
activities

5,590
activities

7,700
activities

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017



Our Support Workers played a key role in promoting HMD across the UK, inspiring activity organisers to create even more engaging and innovative HMD activities. Here are some of their HMD 2017 highlights:



Anya Bonner **North East**

Public and
Commercial
Services Union

(PCS) invited staff and visitors from UNITE and other unions to watch films from the HMDT website. While watching, they shared a buffet of traditional Jewish bread, Challah, and the Rwandan dish Ibirayi n'amashaza. These recipes were taken from HMDT's recipe cards which include dishes important to communities which were targeted during genocide.



Elizabeth George **South West**

Local secondary school pupils joined students at the University of

Exeter for their first HMD Schools Conference, organised by Barnabas Balint, a university student and HMDT Youth Champion. Ernest Simon, a *Kindertransportee*, spoke about his experiences and academics led seminars. Attendees learnt about the ongoing Genocide in Darfur through a display of drawings by Darfuri refugee children. At the end of the day attendees read poems and wrote pledges on a reflections board.



Julian Harrison **East Midlands**

Julian gave a presentation to more than 300 young people

at Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College. Students learnt about the legacy of the Holocaust, its impact today on Jewish communities, and the ongoing fight to combat antisemitism. Using relevant photos and individual stories, there was also a discussion around the theme for HMD 2017, **How can life go on?**





Rosie Crook **Yorkshire and the Humber**

At the West
Yorkshire Police

Headquarters in Wakefield, an event was held for officers and was also available over Skype. Officers watched HMDT films and shared Life Stories of survivors who they researched personally. After the event, the film for HMD 2017 was circulated on the staff intranet and emailed to members of the Force's Equality Board.



Susanna Hunter-Darch **Greater London**

Young people from the Amberley Youth Project joined the charity Working with Men, and gathered to reflect

on the Holocaust. Using the HMD 2017 online film as a starting point, the lead youth worker encouraged young people to explore modern day issues of human rights today, prejudice and discrimination.



Nicola Toms **West Midlands**

Warwickshire
Pride teamed up
with Coventry

Pride to hold their first HMD event. An evening of talks and performances was held to remember the victims of the Holocaust, with specific reference to LGBT+ people persecuted by the Nazis. The event included a bespoke ballet and jazz dance piece from street dancer Kian-Taylor Jackson, stories and songs from Yiddish singer Rachel Weston and a moving talk from Surat-Shaan Knan, founder of Rainbow Jews.





Carole Gillespie **Scotland**

Pupils from all over Glasgow gathered at Glasgow City

Chambers to listen to the experiences of Saskia Tepe, a survivor of the Holocaust, and Umutesi Stewart, who survived the Genocide in Rwanda. Pupils from Lochend Community High School performed a powerful drama called *These are my shoes*, and musical pieces were performed by Glasgow Schools Strings Orchestra and the Senior Voice Ensemble from Smithycroft Secondary.



Phil Mears **South East**

North West Surrey Synagogue held a four-day workshop for

530 students from local schools. The workshop sessions featured a film, discussions and survivor testimony. At the end of the programme a memorial candle was lit in memory of those who had died. Each student lit a candle, and then handed a personal message card they had written to the survivor speaker.



Mandy Penellum **North West**

Thomas Ashton School created a display with input

from 395 pupils from special schools in Tameside. Each pupil was asked to think of a dream which would make the world a better place, and to write it on a scroll. The scrolls were then placed into a large glass jar sat on a perspex cube, upon which the names and dreams were also printed. The display also featured a smaller cube, with images focusing on the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.





Sally Richards **Wales**

The National Assembly for Wales Cross-Party Group for Gypsies and Travellers organised a vigil on the steps of the Senedd. The Cross-Party Group was supported by South East Wales Racial Equality Council (SEWREC), Bridges, Travelling Ahead, Romani Culture and Arts Company, Unity Project and Gypsy / Travellers from across Wales. SEWREC's Gypsy Champion produced a book of numbers representing the estimated number of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller victims who were murdered under Nazi Persecution.



Shirley Lennon **Northern Ireland**

A week-long series of activities in Down County Museum

included Auschwitz survivor Mindu Hornick, a first time visitor to Northern Ireland, speaking movingly to local secondary school pupils about her survival. Primary school pupils took part in cross-curricular workshops focusing on the themes of justice, reconciliation and rebuilding. A spoken word event including a monologue and poetry was organised for adult audiences.



Andrew Morris **East of England**

Hertsmere Borough Council's commemoration began

with a candlelight procession by council officials and members of the public. Selma Mustafic read the story of her husband who as a boy survived the Srebrenica massacre. The Borehamwood Community Choir sang two arrangements and a number of HMDT films were shown. MP for Hertsmere, Oliver Dowden, alongside other Hertfordshire dignitaries, lit candles – each representing one of the genocides commemorated on HMD.





The HMD Youth Champion Programme empowers young people aged 14-24 to teach their peers lessons from the past to create a safer better future.

This year, HMDT supported 120 young people to be the driving force behind Holocaust Memorial Day. We facilitated:

- Five Youth Champion workshops in Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh, London and for the first time, HM Young Offenders Institution Polmont
- Networks for Youth Champions to share advice, experience and opportunities, including the launch of a new Instagram as well as Facebook groups and the Youth Champion e-newsletter
- An engaging social media campaign raising online awareness of HMD, led by Youth Champions

YOUTH CHAMPION CHALLENGES

Throughout the year, Youth Champions were set four challenges:

- 1** Attend a Youth Champion workshop or complete an HMDT Interactive online workshop
- 2** Do a 'teach us about living' activity
- 3** Join and share the HMD 2017 Twibbon or send a postcard to someone you know asking them to mark HMD
- 4** Organise an HMD activity



120

**TOTAL NUMBER OF
YOUTH CHAMPIONS**
(UP FROM 54 IN 2016)

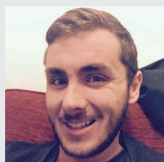


HMD YOUTH CHAMPION BOARD

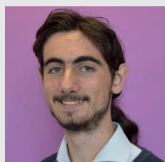
The Youth Champion Board develops and drives the Youth Champion programme. Each Youth Champion Board member works on a specific project which ensures that the programme is youth-led.



Josh Whatsize
Lead Youth
Champion



Wes Andrews
Deputy Lead
Youth Champion



Barnabas Balint
Arts



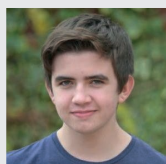
Niamh Hanrahan
International
Projects



Hayley Carlyle
Museums and
Heritage



Anna Cardy
Resources



Lucas Pringle
UK Ceremony



Amelia Ireland
Workshops



**Madeleine
Wright** Content
and design



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YOUTH
champions

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BEING ON THE BOARD
HAS BOOSTED MY
CONFIDENCE, GIVEN
ME THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET NEW PEOPLE
AND TAKE PART IN
NEW EXPERIENCES

Madeleine Wright, Youth
Champion



We reached millions of people across the UK with online, print, radio and TV features:

260

BROADCAST PIECES
FEATURING HMDT
(UP FROM 135 IN 2016)

2,180

PRINT AND ONLINE MEDIA
PIECES ABOUT HMD
(UP FROM 1,277 IN 2016)



Good Morning Britain



The Huffington Post



The Telegraph



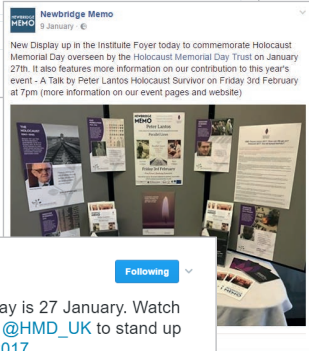
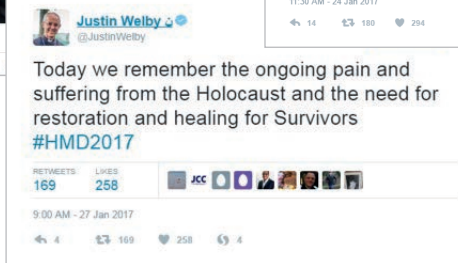
The Guardian



BBC Breakfast



Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 was marked by tens of thousands of people on social media. On Facebook and Twitter, people reflected on the experiences of survivors, shared the online film for HMD 2017 and posted photos of their activities.



**TWITTER
FOLLOWERS,
UP BY 39%
FROM 2016**



**FACEBOOK
LIKES, UP BY
28% FROM 2016**



UK COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY

On Thursday 26 January more than 200 survivors of the Holocaust and genocide were joined by around 800 guests, including faith, civic and political leaders, at the UK Commemorative Ceremony for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in central London.

The ceremony featured personal testimonies from survivors of genocide, poetry, films and music. Mishal Husain narrated the ceremony with contributors including Jim Broadbent, Nina Wadia, Nicola Walker, Timothy West and Samuel Barnett. Special recorded readings featured John Simm, Jenny Agutter, Sheila Hancock and Nina Sosanya. Music was performed by The Clothworkers Consort of Leeds, Olivier Nzaramba and Steve Wickham and his band. The traditional Jewish memorial prayer, *El Male Rachamim*, was recited by Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence.

Throughout the ceremony, powerful speeches were given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Chief Rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP.



Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby



Hannah Lewis, survivor of the Holocaust





Jim Broadbent



The Clothworkers Consort of Leeds

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Mishal Husain



Singer Olivier Nzaramba, dancer Lydia Uwineza and guitarist Andrew Smith



Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis





UK COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY



Nicola Walker



**Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State
for Communities and Local Government**



**Amouna Abdelbarl Eisa Adam, Safet Vukalić, Eric Eugene Murangwa, Sophari Ashley,
Ladislav Balaz and Lily Ebert**



UK COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY



Valdemar Kalinin



Steve Wickham and his band



Survivors and guests attended a reception following the Ceremony



The UK Commemorative Ceremony was supported by a fantastic team of 70 volunteers

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ONCE AGAIN IT WAS A TRULY WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE TO WORK WITH SUCH GREAT AND INSPIRING PEOPLE AND SERVE HOLOCAUST AND OTHER GENOCIDE SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Volunteer at the UK Commemorative Ceremony





SURVIVORS' RECEPTION

On 9 February His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, hosted a reception at St James's Palace for survivors of the Holocaust and the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

More than 120 survivors and refugees attended the reception, sharing their personal stories and experiences of rebuilding their lives in the UK with The Prince.



Lily Bruml, survivor of the Terezin camp and His Royal Highness



His Royal Highness meets Var Ashe Houston, Sokphal Din, Sophari Ashley and Jean Baptiste Kayigamba



Henrietta Franks, Jill Pivnic, Judith Kerr OBE, Marie Obuchowski and His Royal Highness





His Royal Highness with members of the IAC and Chair of HMDT Laura Marks OBE

As part of the reception, His Royal Highness was also presented with the Statue of Remembrance by The International Auschwitz Committee (IAC), recognising his commitment to Holocaust remembrance and his support for tolerance today.



Ivor Perl BEM, survivor of the Holocaust, meeting His Royal Highness

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SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND SUBSEQUENT GENOCIDES HAVE REBUILT THEIR LIVES FOLLOWING GREAT LOSS AND TRAUMATIC PERSECUTION BASED ON THEIR FAITH OR ETHNICITY. TO BE WELCOMED BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS TO ST JAMES'S PALACE IS HUGELY APPRECIATED AND DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED DURING THE DARKEST CHAPTERS IN HUMAN HISTORY.

Olivia Marks-Woldman, Chief Executive of HMDT

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**SOCIAL COURAGE MEANS
TAKING RESPONSIBILITY
NOT JUST FOR YOURSELF
IN SOCIETY, BUT ALSO
FOR OTHERS.**

Bea Green, *Kindertransportee*



OUR FILM HAD MORE THAN

535,000

FACEBOOK VIEWS

OUR FILM WAS SHARED ON
FACEBOOK MORE THAN

15,000

TIMES

HMD 2017 FILM AND MICROSITE

At the age of eight, Bea Green witnessed the aftermath of the violent public humiliation of her father, carried out on the streets of Munich. Bea fled Nazi Germany in 1939, but this shocking incident left a lasting impact.

The treatment of Bea's father was encouraged by Nazi law – because he was Jewish. Such persecution is unlawful here in the UK, but people still face discrimination because of

their faith, sexual orientation, race or disability.

Our film for HMD 2017 challenged us all to think about how we can support those who face hostility today and create a safer society together.

To raise awareness of HMD 2017 and this year's theme **How can life go on?** we encouraged everyone to share our film and support those who face intolerance in our own communities.





 **Richard Branson** @richardbranson Following

Powerful video commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 [youtube.com/watch?v=q_cYxu...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_cYxu...) @HMD_UK #HMD2017

 **Holocaust Memorial Day 2017: How can life go on?**
Our film for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2017 challenges us to think about how we can support those who face hostility today and create a safer society together... [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

RETWEETS 137 LIKES 214

9:01 AM - 27 Jan 2017

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Stonewall shared your video.
27 January at 11:36 · 60

Today is Holocaust Memorial Day. This moving film, made by Holocaust Memorial Day Trust features our Rainbow Laces - our campaign which seeks to end homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in sport. www.stonewall.org.uk/sport

 **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2017**
62:44

527,973 Views

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust
23 January at 10:14 · 60

How can life go on in the face of continued discrimination based on race, faith or other aspects of identity? Watch and share our film for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017.

 Terry Egan, Emma Lewi and 192 others

2 Comments

Like Comment Share

**YOU CAN VIEW AND SHARE THE FILM AND DISCOVER
BEA'S STORY BY VISITING: HOWCANLIFEGOON.HMD.ORG.UK**





EDUCATION AND RESOURCES

We developed a wide range of resources to help educators teach about the Holocaust and the genocides that followed and to explore the theme How can life go on?

In addition to theme specific lesson plans, assemblies and life stories, this year we produced a Rwandan dance tutorial and recipe cards from communities targeted during genocide. These resources encouraged people to learn about, and to celebrate, the lives and cultures of those who were murdered during genocide.



WE DISTRIBUTED
185,000
ABOUT HMD BOOKLETS
(UP FROM 100,000 IN 2016)

We were pleased to work with Picturehouse Cinemas and more than **700** school children and members of the public attended film screenings and survivor talks.



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THE RECIPE CARDS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN OUR SCHOOL MARKING HMD. OUR SIXTH FORMERS MADE CHALLAH FOR THE YOUNGER STUDENTS.

Dale Hicks, Teacher at Porth County Community School, Wales



A collage of many hands, each with different messages and colors, symbolizing global unity and peace. The hands are arranged in a circular pattern, with various messages written on them, such as "I LOVE", "PEACE", "HUMANITY", "BE AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS!", and "I HAVE A DREAM". The hands are in various colors, including green, yellow, orange, and red, and some have additional markings like "100%", "100%", and "100%". The background is a textured, light brown color.

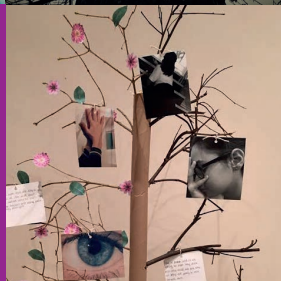
THE IMPACT ON THE PRISONERS
HAS BEEN FAR REACHING AND
IT HAS ENABLED PEOPLE TO
CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER.

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Reflections on loss and living
building on the theme for HMD
This project explores living with
life through artistic response



**ARTWORK WAS SUBMITTED
IN RESPONSE TO 'BIRDSONG',
A POEM WRITTEN BY GILLIAN
CLARKE, THE FORMER
NATIONAL POET FOR WALES.**



f Life

ing is a nation-wide project
D 2017: **How can life go on?**
with absence and the roots of
uses sent in by the public.



**YOU CAN VIEW THE WALL
OF LIFE ONLINE BY VISITING:
HOWCANLIFEGOON.HMD.ORG.UK**





REFLECTIONS ON LOSS AND LIVING



Holocaust Memorial Day Trust commissioned 12 groups from around the UK to create a permanent artwork in their local community that commemorates Holocaust Memorial Day. The artworks created explore the themes of absence, and the roots needed for life to regrow after a genocide.



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New Visuality **Yorkshire & The Humber**

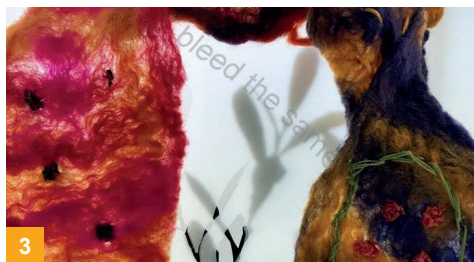
Flowers echoing the star of David created using a 3D printer.



2

St Nicholas Catholic High School **North West**

Signposts featuring motifs of absence, roots and rebirth sit in a rosemary and lavender herb garden.



3

BloomIn Art **North East**

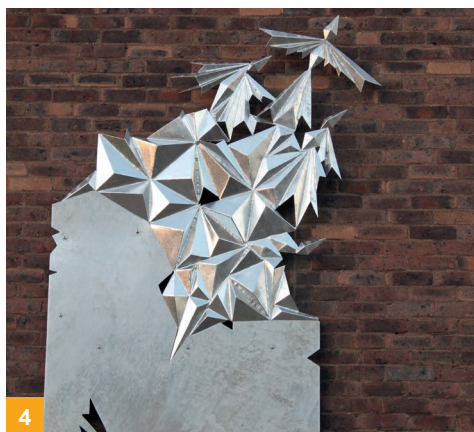
Exploring stories of displacement and refugees using creative writing, fused glass and wet and needle felting.



5

London Schools Group **Greater London**

A collaborative artwork featuring a variety of mixed media including collage and photography.



4

Sawston Village College **East of England**

Wall sculpture made from galvanised steel featuring a bird emerging and taking flight.



6

Jaio Lihi **South West**

A 3D relief sculptural plaque created out of stoneware clay with a carved design.





REFLECTIONS ON LOSS AND LIVING



Repton School East Midlands

Part of a collaborative sculpture featuring figures working together towards a compassionate future.



Works 4 Me West Midlands

An arts trail of small ceramic pieces hanging in trees, leading to a bigger ceramic installation.



Firrhill High School Scotland

Memorial collages and lanterns celebrating the lives of the victims of the Holocaust and their families.





10

HMP Grendon Therapeutic Community South East

A mural of a tree and its roots to represent genocide and regrowth after genocide.



11

Merthyr Tydfil Public Libraries Wales

A garden of reflection and community space with raised centrepieces.



12

HMP Magilligan Northern Ireland

Cut-outs of family and friends, and newly planted silver birch trees.

Front cover: Our cover is made up of images submitted to HMDT's Wall of Life, which was part of the HMD 2017 arts programme *Reflections on loss and living*. Photos, drawings and other art forms submitted by members of the public reflected on the themes of absence and the roots of life. Thanks to all those who have taken part including those featured on the front cover: Hannah Carter, Ailise Taylor, Caroline Streatfield Chalk, Sgoil Lionacleit, Logan Forsythe and Solihull School.

Back cover: **Top** - Junior Ministers Megan Fearon and Alastair Ross with survivor of the Holocaust Mindu Hornick at the commemoration in Northern Ireland. **Middle** - Eva Clarke, survivor of the Holocaust, spoke at the Wales National Service of Commemoration. **Bottom** - Saskia Tepe, whose mother survived the Holocaust, at the National Holocaust Memorial Day commemorative event in Scotland.





Holocaust Memorial Day Trust is the charity, established by the UK Government, that promotes and supports Holocaust Memorial Day.

We encourage, inspire and support individuals and organisations across the UK to play their part in learning lessons from the past to create a safer, better future.

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