



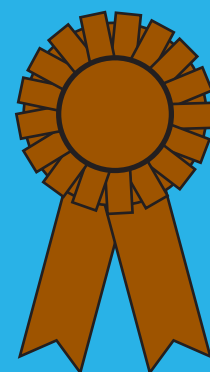
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Youth Champion Toolkit

Bronze award

A guide to completing the
Youth Champion programme
for people aged 14-18



Welcome to the Youth Champion toolkit

This Youth Champion toolkit will provide guidance on how to complete your bronze award.

My name is Jessica, I am an Outreach Officer at Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) and I run the HMDT Youth programmes.

You should use this toolkit to learn about the genocides we commemorate on Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) and organise your own HMD activity.

Every HMD activity helps people learn more about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and subsequent genocides so that we can work together to create a safer, better future.

If you need any help or support in completing the programme, you can get in touch with me at youth@hmd.org.uk

You can also contact the Youth Board who act as a support network for Youth Champions (14-18) and Youth Advocates (18-25) all over the country. They have experience of holding HMD activities and are keen to hear your ideas!

When you become a Youth Champion, you will:

- Learn more about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur
- Engage with the experiences of survivors and feel inspired to end hatred and discrimination today
- Gain leadership and communications skills to mark Holocaust Memorial Day
- Be part of a network of young people all over the UK who are making a real difference in their communities

If you haven't already, go to hmd.org.uk/signup to become a Youth Champion.

After completing your form, you will receive a welcome pack which includes this toolkit.



Why should I get involved?



HMD Youth Board

The Youth Board give us their ideas to expand and improve the HMDT Youth programmes. They gain a lot of skills on the Board and are given responsibility to promote the programme and act as a support network for Youth Champions and Youth Advocates.

You can contact any member of the Board if you need any advice and support. You can see where they are based in the UK below. Don't worry if your region or nation isn't shown, you can still get in touch with any member of the Youth Board or Jessica at youth@hmd.org.uk.

You can also contact the Lead Youth Champion if you have any ideas or contributions to add to the programme by emailing anna.youth@hmd.org.uk



'My name is Anna and I am the Lead Youth Champion. Welcome to the Youth Champion toolkit!

We hope that you find this toolkit useful when planning your activities for Holocaust Memorial Day. We are here to support you in whatever you do for HMD so if you need any help, feel free to contact me or the Youth Board. Also, don't forget to let us know about what you have done to mark HMD and put your activities on the online activities map!'



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Go to hmd.org.uk/youthboard to find out more about the members of the Youth Board

Youth Champion programme awards

The bronze, silver and gold awards will help you to grow your engagement with HMD each year. You will learn more about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and subsequent genocides and improve your leadership and communication skills.

When you have completed your bronze award in your first year, you will go on to complete your silver award. You can use this page as a checklist to tick off each task after you have completed it.



Bronze

You should complete your bronze award if you are new to the Youth Champion programme. You will:

- ☐ Sign up to receive a welcome pack
- ☐ Take part in the HMD 2019 Postcard Project
- ☐ Mark Holocaust Memorial Day in a small but significant way
- ☐ Let us know what you did to receive your certificate and an invitation to the HMDT Youth Conference



Silver

Once you have completed your bronze award in your first year, you can build upon your knowledge of HMD and experience of marking the day in your second year. You will:

- Sign up to receive a welcome pack
- Encourage others to join the Youth Champion programme
- Take part in the HMD 2019 Postcard Project
- Contribute to our youth-led film project
- Organise an HMD activity
- Submit your activity to our online activities map and send us photos of your HMD activity to receive your certificate and an invitation to the HMDT Youth Conference



Gold

After completing your bronze and silver awards, you will have the knowledge and skills to complete your gold award in your third year. You will:

- Sign up to receive a welcome pack
- Encourage others to join the Youth Champion programme
- Read a book or watch a short film and take action
- Take part in the HMD 2019 Postcard Project
- Contribute to our youth-led film project
- Raise awareness of HMD in your community
- Organise an HMD activity and increase the impact of your event
- Submit your activity to our online activities map and send us photos of your HMD activity to receive your certificate and an invitation to the HMDT Youth Conference

If you are unsure which award you should work towards, please contact Jessica by emailing youth@hmd.org.uk for advice and support.

Opportunities

You will grow your engagement with HMD each year by completing your bronze, silver and gold award. As you complete your awards, more opportunities will be open to you.



Attend the UK Ceremony for Holocaust Memorial Day

This is a moving and thought-provoking event to honour the survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

Gain skills and volunteer at the UK ceremony

This is a unique opportunity to assist behind the scenes of a high-profile event.



Apply to become a member of the Youth Board

You will have the opportunity to apply for a position on the Youth Board to represent young peoples' views and help to develop the HMDT Youth programmes.

Join us at the annual HMDT Youth Conference on Saturday 23 March 2019

After successful completion of the programme, each year you will receive a certificate and an invite to the annual HMDT Youth Conference where you will:

- Engage with survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides
- Participate in workshops and talks from interesting speakers
- Receive a Youth Champion certificate
- Meet like-minded young people from all over the UK

There are many other opportunities which may be open up to you in the future.



Gida receives her certificate from Martin Stern MBE, a survivor of the Holocaust, at the HMDT Youth Conference



Members of the HMD Youth Board curate an exhibition at the Wiener Library for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide



The HMD Youth Board meet Lord Alf Dubs, *Kindertransportee* and Olivia Marks-Woldman, Chief Executive of HMDT

What is Holocaust Memorial Day?

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. We promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) which takes place on 27 January.

In 2000, 46 countries (including the UK) came together and decided that there should be an international day of commemoration to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust and the millions of people killed under Nazi Persecution. They decided on 27 January as it marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

In the UK, we also use HMD to reflect on genocides which have taken place since the Holocaust. These are the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. These genocides are commemorated on Holocaust Memorial Day because perpetrators have been indicted or convicted for their crimes by an international criminal tribunal.

HMD is for everyone. Each year across the UK, thousands of people come together to learn more about the past and take action to create a safer future by challenging prejudice and the language of hatred.

The theme for HMD 2019

HMDT chooses the annual theme to provide those organising HMD activities with fresh ideas for interesting and inspiring commemorations. The theme for HMD 2019 is **Torn from home**.

For HMD 2019, the theme **Torn from home** will reflect on what happens when individuals, families and communities are driven out of, or wrenched from their homes, because of persecution or the threat of genocide. The word 'home' is familiar to us all. Although not always the case, 'home' usually means a place of safety, privacy, comfort and security. We will also reflect on the continuing difficulties survivors face as they try to find and build new homes when the genocide is over.

'I didn't feel like I had a home after the genocide because everything was destroyed. I had no home at all. I had nothing.'

Marie Chantal Uwamahoro, survivor of the Genocide in Rwanda

HMD activities could focus on the idea of 'home' during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution, and subsequent genocides. Possible areas of focus are:

- The meaning of 'home' before genocide
- Fleeing or being forced from home before or during genocide
- Finding an alternative home and seeking refuge during genocide
- Returning home and rebuilding home after genocide



You can read the full theme vision at hmd.org.uk/tornfromhome

What is genocide?

Genocide is defined by the United Nations as any of the following acts committed with **intent to destroy**, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- killing members of the group
- causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group
- deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part
- imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group
- forcibly transferring children of the group to another group

Genocide never just happens. There is always a set of circumstances which occur or which are created to build the climate in which genocide can take place.

Gregory H Stanton, President of **Genocide Watch** developed the 10 stages of genocide which explains the different stages which lead to genocide. At each of the earlier stages there is an opportunity for members of the community or the International Community to halt the stages and stop genocide before it happens.

Go to hmd.org.uk/tenstages to download the poster and learn more about the ten stages of genocide.

Go to hmd.org.uk to learn more about the genocides we commemorate on Holocaust Memorial Day.



The Holocaust
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Nazi Persecution
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Step One

Sign up to receive a welcome pack. Go to hmd.org.uk/signup and fill out an online form.



You will receive an additional form via email which will need a signature from a parent or guardian. When you have sent this back, we will send you a welcome pack in the post. In your welcome pack, you will receive a:

- Youth Champion Toolkit
- Promotional poster
- Teacher guide and youth group leader guide
- HMDT Youth programmes flyer
- About HMD booklet
- Postcard to take part in the HMD 2019 Postcard Project
- Wristband
- Badge
- T-shirt (optional)

Many of these resources are available to download at hmd.org.uk/youthchampions

You can order more of these resources to hand out at your HMD activity by emailing Jessica at youth@hmd.org.uk



Step Two

Take part in the HMD 2019 Postcard Project to explore the theme **Torn from home**.

You will learn about the experiences of Renee Bornstein, a survivor of the Holocaust, and Sokphal Din, a survivor of the Genocide in Cambodia. You will reflect on how they were forced to leave their homes and share your reflections with them on a postcard. You will receive a reply from them and your postcard may be displayed at the UK Ceremony for HMD 2019.

There is a postcard in your welcome pack. Once you have written your postcard, send it to the address below with a note stating your name and address so you can receive your reply.



Go to hmd.org.uk/renee to learn more about her experiences



Go to hmd.org.uk/sokphal to learn more about his experiences

You could run the Postcard Project to engage people at your own HMD activity as well. Go to hmd.org.uk/postcards to order or download more postcards and download the Postcard Project pack. Here is an example of how you could use it at your own HMD activity:

1. Choose the life story of Renee Bornstein and/or Sokphal Din
2. Read the life stories aloud, discuss in groups or provide copies for people to read themselves at your event
3. Encourage people to write a postcard to Renee and/or Sokphal, reflecting on their experiences
4. Send the completed postcards to HMDT, PO Box 61074, London, SE1P 5BX



Step Three

Four ways to mark HMD, do as many as you can:

1. Mark HMD online

During the week of HMD, you will be able to add a frame to your profile photo. Just click on your profile photo, click 'add frame' and search for 'Holocaust Memorial Day 2019'.

Follow HMDT on Twitter and Facebook and retweet or share content on your social media pages.



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Explore our YouTube channel and pick a short film to share on your social media pages.

Do you have a blog or school intranet? You could write a message about HMD, or write and share a book review or reflection about HMD.



2. Put up a poster display

Order a free HMD Activity Pack at hmd.org.uk/activitypack. This includes a set of posters which you could put up on a noticeboard, in your class room or in an assembly hall during the week leading up to Holocaust Memorial Day.

3. Organise a minute of silence in your class, school or youth group



Ask a teacher if you can organise a minute of silence to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. You could do this at an assembly, tutor time or history lesson. You could give them the teacher guide and ask them to explain what Holocaust Memorial Day is about.

4. Mark HMD in your own way

Are you involved in a project at your own school? Have you been asked to speak at an event? Mark HMD in your own way or use what you are doing as part of a different project to go towards your bronze award.



Step Four

Let us know what you did to mark HMD




Email Jessica at youth@hmd.org.uk and share what you did to complete your bronze award to receive your certificate and invitation to the HMDT Youth Conference.

If you need any help or support in completing your award, you can get in touch with Jessica at youth@hmd.org.uk or contact the Youth Board at hmd.org.uk/youthboard

Find out more...

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Learning from genocide - for a better future