

# HMDT Trustee Recruitment 2019

## Cover letter



Thank you for your interest in the position of Trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT).

We are recruiting up to four new trustees to join our board from July 2019. Trustees play a key role in setting the strategic direction of HMDT. You will be joining an enthusiastic and committed board of trustees who meet up to seven times a year and play an important part in our activities between meetings.

### About Holocaust Memorial Day Trust

HMDT encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. We promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) – the international day on 27 January to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, the millions of people killed under Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

27 January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

It is an exciting time for us as an organisation, as we plan for HMD 2020, building on the enormous reach and impact of commemorations in January 2019, when more than 10,000 activities took place across the UK.

Since HMDT's creation in 2005, we've had some real achievements, engaging different communities and people from varied localities, backgrounds and ages to get involved in HMDT:

- More than 10,000 local activities, in more organisations than ever before
- Greater media presence in 2018-2019
- Raising awareness of genocides and genocide prevention, throughout the year

We are proud of both the growing reach and the impact of our work. We commissioned an independent study which shows that we make a difference to how people think and how they act:

- 70% of participants in local HMD activities say they are more aware of the causes and conditions that lead to genocide as a result of attending an HMD event
- 93% of participants take some form of action as a result of attending an HMD event

## About our Board of Trustees

We are looking for enthusiastic, creative, innovative individuals who are excellent team players to join our board. We are committed to maintaining a diverse and expert Board and are seeking individuals who will assist us in broadening our diversity. We are particularly interested in potential trustees who have the following skills, knowledge or perspectives, though this is not an exclusive list and we encourage applications from all those with an interest in our work and relevant expertise, skills or perspectives:

- Experience or knowledge of local government
- Broad understanding of Britain's faith communities
- Understanding of British society, including experience of challenging hatred and prejudice at either a policy or community level
- Fundraising experience

## The role of Trustees

Our Trustees serve a term of three years with the opportunity to stand for re-election for a further three years. Trustees are expected to join at least one of our four committees, which align with our organisational goals: Promoting HMD Committee, Committee to support local HMD activities, Finance and Operations Committee and Fundraising Committee. You must be able to commit to attending trustee and committee meetings, the AGM and the annual trustee away day.

Our Board of Trustees is also supported by the Legacy Consultative Group, Survivors of Subsequent Genocides Consultative Group and our Experts' Reference Group.

Trustees also support our work by attending the UK Commemorative Ceremony for Holocaust Memorial Day as well as related events throughout the year such as our Parliamentary Resources Launch.

To find out more about HMDT and the work we do, please visit our [website](#). You may also find the following information useful:

- [Our strategic vision](#)
- [Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 in review](#)
- [The Charity Commission guidance on the responsibilities of trustees](#)

Please send your completed application to [recruitment@hmd.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@hmd.org.uk) by **9am on Friday 26 April 2019**.

Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 8 May 2019** at our offices in London, SE1. If you are unable to attend any dates during this week, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

If you would like to discuss this role further, please contact the Chief Executive, Olivia Marks-Woldman, on 020 7785 7029 or by emailing [recruitment@hmd.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@hmd.org.uk).