

# The statement of commitment for Holocaust Memorial Day



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Holocaust Memorial Day was established on 27 January 2000, when representatives from 46 countries around the world met in Stockholm to discuss Holocaust education, remembrance and research. At the end of this meeting, all attendees signed a declaration committing to preserving the memory of those who were murdered in the Holocaust.

You can use the statement of commitment in your community's Holocaust Memorial Day activity, for example, in a reading or during a candle-lighting ceremony. You could ask young people, local councillors, faith leaders or other individuals to come together to read one of the following points each:



- **We recognise** that the Holocaust shook the foundations of modern civilisation. Its unprecedented character and horror will always hold universal meaning.
- **We believe** the Holocaust must have a permanent place in our nation's and community's collective memory. We honour the survivors still with us, and reaffirm our shared goals of mutual understanding and justice.
- **We must** make sure that future generations understand the causes of the Holocaust and reflect upon its consequences. We vow to remember the victims of Nazi persecution and of all genocides.
- **We value** the sacrifices of those who have risked their lives to protect or rescue victims, as a touchstone of the human capacity for good in the face of evil.
- **We recognise** that humanity is still scarred by the belief that race, religion, disability or sexuality make some people's lives worth less than others'. Genocide, antisemitism, racism, xenophobia and discrimination still continue. We have a shared responsibility to fight these evils.
- **We pledge** to strengthen our efforts to promote education and research about the Holocaust and other genocides. We will do our utmost to make sure that the lessons of such events are fully learnt.
- **We will continue** to encourage Holocaust remembrance by organising an activity to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. We condemn the evils of prejudice, discrimination and racism. We value a free, respectful, and democratic society.

Copies of the statement of commitment are also available on our website in Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, English, Farsi, French, Gaelic, Gujarati, Hebrew, Polish, Urdu, Welsh and Yiddish: [hmd.org.uk/stockholmdeclaration](http://hmd.org.uk/stockholmdeclaration)

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