HMDT Youth programme information pack





What is the HMDT Youth programme and why is it important?

Our youth programme is an exciting way in which young people between the ages of 18 – 25 can learn about the Holocaust and more recent genocides, take part in Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) and promote a society free from identity-based hostility and persecution.

This programme will support you in learning about those who were murdered during the Holocaust and more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. You will develop an understanding of how racism and bigotry, when left unchecked, can turn into genocide. By engaging in this learning and sharing it through your own events, you will support yourself and others to work towards a society free from identity-based persecution.

What will you get out of the programme?

This is a year-long programme which includes:

- six learning sessions covering information on the Holocaust, Nazi persecution of other groups and more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur
- two sessions on event planning, management and evaluation
- mentoring and support for planning and organising your event
- a graduation ceremony
- the opportunity to apply to join our Youth Forum to support future programme participants, create resources and speak at our events

The learning sessions will provide you with the information about each topic and the opportunity to discuss and display your learning through short home projects. You will also be given the skills and support to organise your own HMD activities and evaluate their success.

Timeline for the programme

- 1. You will receive a digital welcome pack, which includes a programme schedule.
- 2. There will be six months of study sessions dedicated to the Holocaust and more recent genocides (one session a month with a home project).
- 3. You will engage in skills sessions (led by us, the Youth Board, and external experts) to enable you to run an HMD activity
- 4. You will organise an HMD activity with support from the programme and board. The activity must be submitted to our online activity map and photographs provided in order to receive a certificate and an invitation to the HMD Youth Celebration.
- 5. You will write 500 words about what you have contributed to the programme by mid-February demonstrating the knowledge and skills you have gained.
- 6. Graduates of the Youth programme can apply for a term on the Youth Board or join the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) Alumni Network.



Application details and requirements

This programme is for individuals aged between 18 and 25. Successful applicants will be asked to show ID upon being offered a place on the programme. Whilst on the programme you will be required to attend a monthly one-hour-long meeting and complete a short home activity each month. During December and January (when you are organising and hosting your own activity) you will need to spend more time on the programme however, this will be different for each person and the monthly sessions will be optional. All sessions will be held virtually except for the graduation ceremony in March.

You can apply by completing the form on the link below and explaining why you would like to join our youth programme! Please write your paragraph (max. 500 words) on a separate text document and copy it onto your application form to avoid losing your work.

Apply now at: hmd.org.uk/youthapply

FAQs

Who do I contact with questions about the programme?

You can contact our Education and Youth Officer at youth@hmd.org.uk.

What happens after I graduate the programme?

Graduates from the programme will be invited to apply for a term on our Youth Board. Being on the board provides further opportunities to speak at events, support the development of resources and support the new cohort of youth programme participants. If you do not wish to apply for the board, you can join the HMDT Alumni group were information will be shared and connections will be maintained.

What if I need help organising my HMD activity?

You will have support from a Youth Board member and the Outreach Education and Youth Officer when organising your activity.

I'm not 18 yet, can I still apply?

If you will be 18 in April (at the start of the programme) we will still consider your application. However you must prove your age upon being offered a place. If you will not be 18 in April, please apply another year.

I would like to join the programme but I am not certain I will be able to attend all of the sessions. Can I still apply?

The expectation is that you attend all of the sessions however, if this becomes an issue the Outreach Education and Youth Officer will work with you to find the best solution.

Find out more ...

Advice for young people marking HMD: hmd.org.uk/youth

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