

Holocaust Memorial Day

27 January



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Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is a national day that takes place on 27 January.

We commemorate the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered during the Holocaust, and the millions more murdered under Nazi persecution. Prejudice still continues today within our communities and across the UK.

We also learn and commemorate where persecution led in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

With your support, we can bring the nation together to remember persecutions of the past and stand against hatred and prejudice in the present.

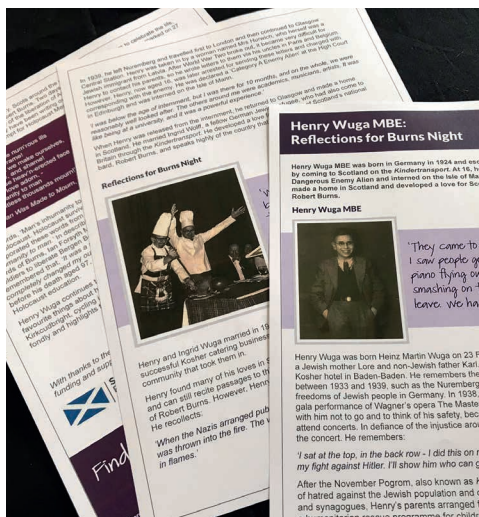
The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust is the charity established by the government to promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day in the UK. We help protect the legacy of the Holocaust against denial and distortion, and shape a future built on empathy, understanding and respect.

Learning from the past – resources and guides

We have a wide range of educational resources to help and support you in planning your own Holocaust Memorial Day activity.

Discover powerful life stories of survivors and victims, school materials, films, images and engaging activities that bring history to the present. From moving poems and traditional recipes to first-hand testimonies and in-depth guides, there is something for every age group and setting.

The resources include life stories from survivors of the Holocaust, and in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.



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Each year, thousands of organisations and communities take part across the UK, to help us build awareness and learn lessons from the past. With your support, we can reach more.



Onboard together

British Airways' Jewish and Muslim staff networks hosted commemorative HMD events.

Making a difference locally

St John the Baptist High School in Wales marked Holocaust Memorial Day by running a series of assemblies and exploring topics relating to the day.

Hope for the future

Sixteen prisons in Scotland marked Holocaust Memorial Day in 2025 with prisoners writing a message on their Tree of Hope after the lesson.



Our Patron, HM the King
viewing items from the
80 Candles for 80 Years exhibition

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How you can help create a brighter future

There are many ways you can support us and be involved in this very important day.

- **Take part** – Join us on 27 January by lighting a candle at 8pm. Candles are available to buy from our website.
- **Spread the word** – Follow us on social media. You can share our comprehensive resources or a photo of your candle in the window. Please tag us and use **#HolocaustMemorialDay**.
- **Learn and share** – Explore life stories on our website and use them in schools, workplaces and community groups.
- **Donate** – Help us continue our work to ensure experiences are heard and lessons are never forgotten.



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Every action counts



Plan an activity – Organise a Holocaust Memorial Day event in your school, workplace or community.



Next Gen Ambassador Programme – Join our initiative for 18-25 year olds, combining expert-led learning with practical skills to help us prevent prejudice today.



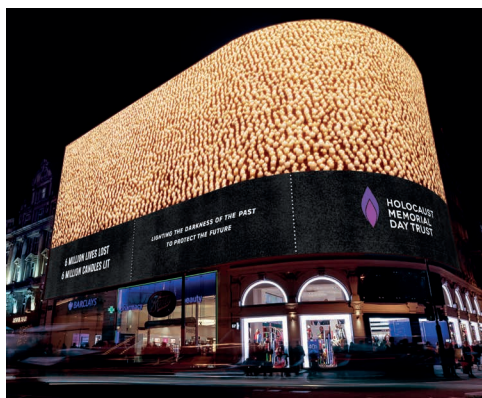
Kindness – Don't stand by; stand with. Speak out against prejudice and be the voice for inclusion.



Volunteer – Support a local charity helping survivors and make a difference where you live.



Partner with us – Join our *Light the Darkness* campaign by lighting up your office or building, and help us reach more people in standing against hatred and division.



Light the Darkness

Since 2001, the UK has marked Holocaust Memorial Day with a national ceremony on 27 January. On the same day we invite you to join us at 8pm for a national moment to *Light the Darkness* by placing a candle in your window.

Across the country, landmarks will also light up, shining brightly with purple lights to symbolise solidarity and take a stand against the escalating prejudice and hate crimes we see today.

Together, we commemorate and educate for a better future.



To keep up to date with our latest news and events, please subscribe to our newsletter.



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