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If you have any colleagues who may be interested in the work of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust please pass this newsletter on and encourage them to join our mailing list.

Commemorative Book

Thank you to all the individuals and organisations that made this year's Holocaust Memorial Day happen.

So far HMDT know of over 500 events that took place across the UK providing an opportunity for thousands of people to **Stand up to Hatred**.

It is not too late to have your event included in our 2009 Commemorative Book.

Please let HMDT know about the events you held in Schools, Colleges, Community, Faith and Youth groups across the UK and send any photos or stories about how your community stood up to hatred and commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day to enquiries@hmd.org.uk.

HMD09 Virtual Candle

HMDT would like to thank the 31,339 individuals who took the time on Holocaust Memorial Day to light a virtual candle and pledged to **Stand up to Hatred**.

By pledging to **Stand up to Hatred**, we have all made a choice. We chose not to attack, to abuse, to exclude, to stand back and do nothing – we chose to resist, to respect, to protect.



Bethany Dewar on the 'Stand up to Hatred' walk, Coventry

Free HMD Posters

Hard copies of the A3 HMD09 Posters are still available to order, free of charge, by contacting the HMDT office on 0845 838 1883.



Shoes collected for HMD09 in Coventry, including those donated by Rachel Stephens. ©HMDT/Vismedia

Why should we remember?

To mark the 15th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda, pupils at Hampton School in Middlesex would like to ask you a question. "Why should we remember" the Rwandan genocide?

So far individuals such as John Humphreys, David Cameron and Boris Johnson have taken the time to visit the website and explained why they think we should remember. We encourage you to do the same.

Please visit www.whysouldweremember.org/ for more information and to contribute.



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Recognising the rescuers

The Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) is actively working to secure formal recognition for the small number of British people who displayed extraordinary courage in order to aid or save Jewish people during the Holocaust.

Currently, knighthoods cannot be granted posthumously - and few British heroes of the Holocaust, honoured by other countries, have ever received the formal recognition in the UK.

HET has initiated a petition on the Number 10 Downing Street website, and can be signed here: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/UK-Rescuers/>

The Diary of Anne Frank

The DVD of the acclaimed BBC drama series about the life of Anne Frank broadcast in the run up to this year's Holocaust Memorial Day has now been released.

To tie-in with the launch, the Anne Frank Trust has produced a free education pack for teachers and educators.

This can be downloaded at www.annefrank.org.uk/bbcdrama

Searching for Survivors

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is launching a major international initiative to expand its search for Holocaust survivors to include information on survivors living all over the world.

Through its International Holocaust Survivors Outreach Project, the Museum's Registry of Holocaust Survivors is seeking to contact Holocaust survivors in order to assist survivors and their families in their attempts to trace missing relatives, as well as to assist in historical and genealogical research.

The Museum's Web site www.ushmm.org/registry contains further information on the Registry as well as downloadable registration forms in 17 languages.



The life of Mr Leon Greenman OBE, a British citizen who survived Auschwitz, is commemorated in an exhibition at the Jewish Museum, London. From 1946 until his death in 2008, Mr Greenman tirelessly recounted his life through a personal exhibition at the museum where he conducted educational events for groups of all ages. (Photo © Ian Waldie/ Getty Images)

Help to shape the future of Holocaust education

Every state secondary school in England will be entitled to free professional development, ongoing support, and high quality teaching and learning resources in a new, national initiative: the Holocaust Education Development Programme (HEDP).

Launched by the Institute of Education, University of London, the HEDP will bring together thousands of teachers across the country with researchers and leading academics.

More than 2000 teachers have participated in the national survey that is helping to shape the HEDP. To have your say in the online survey; for further information about HEDP; and to register your interest in this landmark programme please visit www.hedpuk.org



The NASUWT arts & minds competition is a major UK-wide competition that has been running successfully for a number of years. Its aim is to promote and celebrate cultural diversity.

Each year the competition focuses on a particular theme. In 2009, the competition has the theme of 'community' within the overall aim of promoting race equality and cultural diversity in schools.

The theme is designed to encourage young people and schools to think about the community they live in, explore their own sense of identity and consider how a sense of community and belonging can be promoted.

For more information, please visit <http://www.teachersunion.org.uk>



Schools up and down the country marked HMD09 in a variety of lessons. ©Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School, Lancashire