

Saturday 27th January 2023 is Holocaust Memorial Day

27 January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. Every year on that day Holocaust Memorial Day takes place.

In the words of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Holocaust Memorial Day encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. The trust promotes and supports Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) – the international day on 27 January to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Fragility of Freedom is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2024.



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'That is when the trouble started for the Jews. Our freedom was severely restricted by a series of anti-Jewish decrees.'

– Anne Frank, diary entry, Saturday 20 June, 1942 – reflecting back on May 1940 when the Germans arrived in the Netherlands

The document <u>here</u> explores the theme through the perspective of ordinary people as perpetrators and as victims.

A schools resource looks at ordinary objects in the Holocaust here.

For guidance on how to teach about the Holocaust see: https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/guidelines-for-teachers-holocaust-and-genocideeducation/

There is a whole host of other school resources under the 'Resources' tab on the website, with both primary and secondary age ranges catered for.

More Resources:

The Holocaust Educational Trust have resources here: <u>https://www.het.org.uk/teaching-resources</u>

A sensory activity for pupils with SEND is available <u>here</u>.

The BBC have HMD resources here:

Holocaust Memorial Day - Teaching Resources - BBC Teach

Holocaust Memorial Day BBC Bitesize

Holocaust Memorial Day BBC Newsround

Holocaust Survivor Testimonies:

https://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/?genocide=any&resource_type=9&age=any

https://www.het.org.uk/education/outreach-programme/survivorstorieshttps://www.bl.uk/learning/histcitizen/voices/testimonies/survivors.html and https://remember.org/holocaust-survivors.html

Eddie Jaku, a 100 year old survivor, shares his story here: https://tedxsydney.com/contributor/eddie-jaku/

Anne Frank education materials: <u>https://www.annefrank.org/en/education/all-educational-products/</u>

Teacher Wire summarises a list of useful resources for schools here: <u>https://www.teachwire.net/news/holocaust-memorial-day-teaching-resources</u>