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Welcome to our October newsletter

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. Do feel free to contact us at any time with queries or suggestions. We are always happy to hear from you. Call us on **0845 838 1883** or email enquiries@hmd.org.uk

The Dignity of Difference Holocaust Memorial Day 2007



The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and Beth Shalom, The Holocaust Centre, are hosting a seminar at The Holocaust Centre in Laxton on October 31 (10am - 4pm) .

*The conference will explore the theme for 2007, "The Dignity of Difference", good practice in organising your event, details of the **Same. But Different** campaign and introduce the free resources that the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust have produced to assist with your planning.*



We are also delighted to announce that Mashirika, a Rwandan dance group, will be performing. Performed by Rwandan teenagers "Rwanda: My Hope" conveys the story of 100 days of genocide and the hope that a new generation now has for a peaceful future. Following the performance there will be a chance to discuss issues raised with the cast.

*Places at the conference will cost £20 per person which includes the performance by Mashirika and lunch and refreshments during the day. To book your place at the conference please contact Louise Hector on **0845 838 1883** or louise.hector@hmd.org.uk*

Welcome Catherine

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust is pleased to welcome Catherine Bowness to the team. Catherine is our new Educational Resource Manager and joined us on 25th September.

If your school or education establishment held a particularly interesting event for Holocaust Memorial Day 2006, Catherine would be delighted to hear about it. She is also pleased to meet and offer advice to anyone on how to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day in your school college.

Catherine can be reached on **0845 838 1883** or catherine.bowness@hmd.org.uk

2007 Local Activities Guidelines Now Available

Guideline Packs for Local Activities in 2007 are now available free of charge. These packs offer information on Holocaust Memorial Day, why it is relevant to your community and practical advice on organising your event, including booking speakers and publicising your event. The pack also contains a copy of the 2007 theme paper "The Dignity of Difference".

To order your free copies please email enquiries@hmd.org.uk or call **0845 838 1883**. Packs are free of charge and you can order as many as you need. Additional resources will be made available over the coming months, please check our website www.hmd.org.uk for regular updates.



Education Materials Available

Case studies and assemblies suitable for Key Stages 2, 3 & 4 and post-16 education are now available on our website www.hmd.org.uk

A disabled Jewish boy awaits selection at Auschwitz
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Classroom activities for the National Curriculum's of Citizenship, History and RE complement the case studies. Educational resources have been created specifically to approach the Day both through Holocaust Memorial Day in its simplest form and through this year's theme. The resources centre around individual stories which illustrate aspects of the theme.

You can download these resources from www.hmd.org.uk or order copies

Northumbria University will be hosting a conference on 15 November as part of Newcastle City Council's programme of events in the lead-up to Holocaust Memorial Day 2007. The conference has as its main speaker Lembit Opik with Eva Schloss and the Curator from the State Museum at Auschwitz. For more details call Judith Kernon on 0191 215 6669 or email henry.ross@dsl.pipex.com

Same. But Different

This year's theme is 'The Dignity of Difference' and, from that, we have devised a campaign and resources centred around the strap-line '**Same. But Different**'. This is to ensure the 2007 theme is accessible to as many people as possible, in a simple and effective way.

The theme will continue to be the 'Dignity of Difference' however for campaigns and promotions we encourage you to use '**Same. But Different**'. The logo above is available for your use and can be downloaded from www.hmd.org.uk

As a nation of 60 million people, essentially we are all the same, but different. Similarity is what unites us; difference is what enriches us. We must work together to ensure that communities are encouraged to learn the lessons of the Holocaust to help create a society that respects both our differences and our common humanity.

You may find that you can use this campaign to highlight how different communities within a town add to that area's vibrancy or how diverse pupils lead to a positive school experience.

'**Same. But Different**' will be used in a national effort to strengthen society's respect for difference. This message emphasises the benefits that a diverse and multicultural society can bring. It will be communicated across the UK to communities as part of Holocaust Memorial Day.

For further information visit www.hmd.org.uk or contact Louise Hector on 0845 838 1883 or louise.hector@hmd.org.uk to discuss how to incorporate '**Same. But Different**' in your local commemorative event.

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Film Production

One of the most common requests we received after Holocaust Memorial Day 2006 was for a film which can be shown as part of a commemorative event or lessons in the build-up to Holocaust Memorial Day.

We are now in the process of producing a short film on DVD. This will last approximately ten minutes and will be suitable for all audiences. Copies will be available, free of charge, from November 2006.

To pre-order your copy please call **0845 838 1883** or email enquiries@hmd.org.uk



Creative Writing Competition

Beth Shalom, The Holocaust Centre are organising a creative writing competition in association with the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.

The theme for the competition is "The Dignity of Difference". The competition is open to Year 7-11 pupils and 6th form students with cash prizes of £200, £100 and £50 and £1000 to schools.

For more details call Aneesa Riffat on 01623 836627.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. Black History Month aims to:

- ◆ Promote knowledge of Black History and Experience
- ◆ Disseminate information on positive Black contributions to British society
- ◆ Heighten the confidence and awareness of Black people in their cultural heritage

Contact your local council for information of any celebrations of Black history in your area or visit www.black-history-month.co.uk

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust - Here to Help

Members of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust team are happy to help with your event organisation in any way possible from advising on assemblies and lesson plans for schools, to offering suggested reading materials and helping to point you towards other organisations which can help with your planning.

We are also happy to come out to meet you to discuss how best you can commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day in your community. Please call any member of our team on [0845 838 1883](tel:08458381883) or email enquiries@hmd.org.uk

You can also access information from our website www.hmd.org.uk and sign up for an account pointing you towards the most suitable resources for your needs. Our website also contains details of all events we know about - remember to add your event to the list.