

75 Memorials – A Community Remembers

Commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 in London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames:



A project for schools, community groups and individuals

January 2020 will see the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. In commemoration of this landmark anniversary, London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames is launching an exciting new project for schools, community groups and individuals.

Participants can take part in the project by creating artworks, prose and poetry, inspired by the stories and events of the Holocaust. Pieces can respond directly to one person's experiences, or be a broader commemoration of the Holocaust, or reflect on the national theme for HMD2020: Stand Together.

This opportunity is open to everyone who works, lives or studies in the borough and there is no upper or lower age limit.

75 pieces will be chosen to be displayed in an exhibition at The Landmark Arts Centre in January 2020.

How to Participate

The exhibition will be made up of visual art, prose and poetry submissions.

With regards to artwork this can be made of any material or use any artistic technique. You could use painting, collage, drawing, photography, graphic design, typography, sculpture, pottery – the possibilities are endless. We are looking for a broad range of artworks which interpret this brief.

For poetry and prose there is no minimum or maximum word count, however please remember that the chosen pieces will be displayed in the exhibition and therefore the length must reflect the practicalities of this.

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Selection criteria

Pieces will be chosen to meet the following requirements:

- A good quality exhibition of art, prose and poetry
- Work created by a diverse range of groups & individuals from different settings and with different participants
- A broad geographical spread of groups and individuals taking part from across the Borough
- A range of different art, prose and poetry forms and interpretations of the brief
- A range of experiences of the Holocaust being told through the exhibition

The process

Step One

Please email partnerships@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk to express an interest in taking part in the project as soon as possible. Please include your name, address, and contact details in your expression of interest.

Step Two

Please submit a pdf/jpeg of your work to partnerships@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk. Visual art submissions can be accompanied by a written description if you feel it will help us get a better understanding of the piece. If shortlisted, we can then arrange for collection. The closing date for the submission of the pdf/jpegs is **Sunday 15th December**.

Step Three

The exhibition at the Landmark Arts Centre will take place from 15th January – 2nd February 2020. We will send you an invitation to attend the opening of the exhibition if your work is selected.

Please note: Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any funding to participants. You will need to source or purchase materials and cover any other project costs yourself.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact:

partnerships@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Inspiration for your artwork, prose & poetry



A handprint flame made by students at Solihull School

Links to a selection of historical information, life stories and poems, are provided below to serve as starting points for your research, and to inspire your work.

Survivor stories

Many life stories can be found here:

https://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/?genocide=5&resource_type=9&age=any

Bea Green

A Holocaust survivor who lives in our Borough. Bea arrived in Britain as a girl on the Kindertransport. <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/bea-green/>

Zigi Shipper

In October Zigi visited our Borough and spoke to 130 pupils from local schools. He was born in Poland and was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau when he was 14 years old.

<https://www.het.org.uk/survivors-zigi-shipper>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2010/jan/27/holocaust-memorial-day-zigi-shipper>

Mala Tribich

Mala has given her testimony at a previous Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration in our Borough. <https://www.marchoftheliving.org.uk/survivor-story/mala-tribich/>

Historical information

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/learn-about-the-holocaust-and-genocides/the-holocaust/>

The Holocaust

- [Rise of the Nazi Party](#)
- [Nazi persecution of the Jews](#)
- [Kindertransport/Refugees](#)
- [Ghettos/Deportations](#)
- [The Einsatzgruppen](#)
- [The Camps](#)
 - [Concentration camps](#)
 - [Extermination camps](#)

- Labour camps
- Transit camps
- Auschwitz-Birkenau
- Resistance and rescuers
- Death marches and liberation
- Rebuilding lives
- Seeking justice

Poems

BELSEN SILENCE by Iolo Lewis - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/belsen-silence-by-iolo-lewis/>

REFUGEE BLUES by WH Auden - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/refugee-blues-by-w-h-auden/>

DO NOT ASK by Avram Schaufeld - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/do-not-ask-by-avram-schaufeld/>

THERE IS A LAST SOLITARY COACH by David Vogel - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/there-is-a-last-solitary-coach-by-david-vogel/>

TEREZIN by Michael Flack - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/terezin-by-michael-flack/>

WE ARE THE SHOES by Moshe Szulzstein - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/we-are-the-shoes-by-moshe-szulzstein/>

AUSCHWITZ by Charles N Whittaker - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/auschwitz-by-charles-n-whittaker/>

WE REMEMBER THEM by Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/we-remember-them-by-sylvan-kamens-and-rabbi-jack-riemer/>

THE BUTTERFLY by Pavel Friedmann - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/the-butterfly-by-pavel-friedmann/>

NEVER SHALL I FORGET by Elie Wiesel - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/never-shall-i-forget-by-elie-wiesel/>

FIRST THEY CAME by Pastor Martin Niemoller - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/first-they-came-by-pastor-martin-niemoller/>

COMPLETION by Vera Schaufeld - <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/completion-by-vera-schaufeld/>

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