

Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 Event Planning Sheet



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UCU commemorates Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) observed annually on 27 January. It does so in memory of the millions who were murdered in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Bosnia, Cambodia, Darfur and Rwanda in order to challenge hatred and persecution in the UK today.

On Holocaust Memorial Day 2020, we mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation by the Red Army of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp. 2020 also marks 25th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide (1998-1995).



The theme for 2020 is **Stand Together** and explores how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours, and speaking out against oppression.

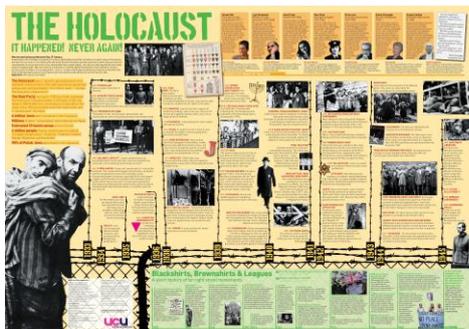
It is important that when planning an event you are sensitive to the needs of your audience. The following tips should assist

- 1 Accessibility**
It is important that you consider that your audience may need to cater for individuals with visual, hearing, mobility, neurodiverse or hidden impairment
- 2 Speakers**
There are a number of organisations that provide speakers for Holocaust Memorial Day events. It is important that you arrange your speaker(s) in good time! The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust have provided a list of organisations that provides speakers for your event. Click [here](#) for details.
- 3 Partnership working**
We suggest that branches work with campus unions, employers and suitable affiliates when planning an event
- 4 Evaluation**
Provide guests with an evaluation form – comments received will assist in future planning of events

We are also keen to hear how your branch is planning on commemorating the day. Please let us know by emailing eqadmin@ucu.org.uk. The following resources are here to support branches in planning an event to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

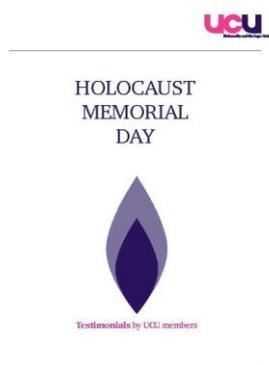
Resources

All UCU materials are available at <https://www.ucu.org.uk/hmd>, or by emailing eqadmin@ucu.org.uk for postal copies – please state full postal details and request materials in good time.



Holocaust Memorial Day wallchart

The UCU Holocaust Memorial Day wallchart has been brought up to date and includes new sections about the recent fight against fascist organisations like the BNP and EDL. This resource can be used in your institution to educate against the dangers of anti-Semitism, fascism and racial discrimination.



Testimonials

This publication details the testimonials of second generation survivors of the Holocaust. Written in their own words, these stories provides an insight into how the Holocaust have impacted their lives.

UCU would like to thank its members for their contribution. This publication supports our film 'The Holocaust'. In addition, the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for the testimonials of survivors from subsequent genocides.



UCU leaflet on anti-Semitism

UCU is committed to challenging anti-Semitism at work and within the union. UCU wants all its members to be treated equally at work, to participate fully in the union and to have the protection of UCU when it is needed.

Remembering Rwanda

UCU Commemorates the 20th Anniversary of the
Rwandan Genocide
Holocaust Memorial Day 2014

Remembering Rwanda (2014)

To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Rwandan genocide (1994-2014), we produced a short publication outlining the events that led to the slaughter of an estimated 1 million Tutsis and moderate Hutus over a period of 100 days from 7 April to 16 July 1994. The testimonial of Jean Bosco Ngabonzima delivered to UCU members in 2011 has also be reproduced.

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UCU Commemorates the 20th Anniversary
of the Bosnian Genocide
Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January 2015

Bosnian Genocide (2015)

To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Bosnian genocide (1995-2015), we produced a short publication outlining the events that led to the murder of around 8,000 men and boys. The single largest mass murder in Europe since 1945.

UCU are extremely proud of our films that document the experiences and impact of UCU members and others. Our films are available to view online at <https://www.ucu.org.uk/hmd>

The Holocaust (2013)

This film features UCU members who speak movingly about the impact of the Holocaust on their families and themselves. It won joint first prize for the TUC Communications Award in 2013.



Journeys to Safety (2014)

Memories of the Kindertransport: Our second film featured three kinder children (Lord Dubs, Ruth Barnett and John Fieldsend) speaking about the impact leaving their families had on them via the Kindertransport route.



How can life go on (2017)

This short film features John Fieldsend who came to the UK as a child on the Kindertransport, reads the last letter he and his brother received via the Red Cross from his parents.



The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust also provides resources on the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. Visit <https://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/> to see what is available.