



Unite and Holocaust Memorial Day 2012



David Cole, President of Wolverhampton, Bilston and District Trades Union Council addresses a Holocaust Memorial Day event in Wolverhampton.
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'We bore witness, and still bear witness today, for human dignity and justice.'

Gustav Schiefer, former Chairman of Munich Branch, German Trade Union Association

Under the Nazi regime of 1933-1945, trade unionists paid dearly for their values as many were persecuted and imprisoned in concentration camps. Today, Unite and other trade unions continue to combat the actions and language of hatred by choosing to speak out against prejudice. Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 offers an opportunity for reflection on past atrocities and the chance to come together to create a safer, better future.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2012: Speak Up, Speak Out

On Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 January – we challenge hatred and persecution in the UK as we share the memory of the millions who have been murdered in the Holocaust, Nazi persecution and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

On Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 communities will come together to **Speak Up, Speak Out**. In the past, nations and communities have remained silent whilst millions have been persecuted. Today in the UK, Unite branches and members can come together to speak out against racism and discrimination, and challenge those who still use the language of hatred.

Speaking out - taking inspiration from the past and present

After Daoud Hari's village was destroyed in Darfur and many of his family were murdered for being Black Africans, he wandered the desert and helped other refugees find food and water until international aid arrived. Daoud was able to offer his services to journalists as a guide and translator and help bring the world's attention to the terrible atrocities in Darfur. By doing so he placed himself in great danger, as the government had outlawed journalists. Find out more about Daoud's story: hmd.org.uk/resources/for-adults/books-for-adults-the-translator

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'Holocaust Memorial Day is a time for us to reflect on those who have spoken up for all of us in the past. It is also a reminder that we must always challenge and speak out against prejudice, discrimination, persecution and atrocities and never let hatred win.'

Collette Cork-Hust, National Officer for Equalities

What can Unite members do for HMD 2012?

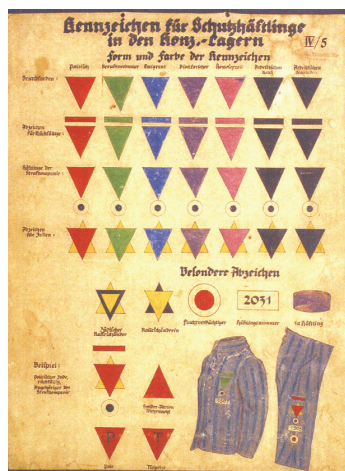
Many trade union members in the UK have participated in Holocaust Memorial Day activities before. You could:

- order our free Campaign Pack for your workplaces and display the 10 posters or create your own displays with our free images hmd.org.uk/resources/campaignpack
- add articles or testimonies for HMD 2012 to your branch websites or intranets
- ask your fellow members to sign the HMD 2012 pledge and commit to challenging those who use terms of offence speakupnow.org.uk/sign_our_pledge.php

For more assistance and advice visit www.hmd.org.uk/events

Speaking out - taking inspiration from the past and present

In 1940 Jacques Lusseyran, a blind French student, decided to speak out when he heard his Jewish biology teacher had been arrested by the Nazis. With two others, he organised a group called the Voice of Liberty and began secretly distributing leaflets speaking out against Nazi persecution against Jews and other groups. In 1943 he was arrested by the Nazis and deported to Buchenwald Concentration Camp. Jacques survived the camp and went on to become a teacher. Read more about Jacques Story: hmd.org.uk/resources/education/case-study-jacques-lusseyran



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Case Study – Dr. Leopold Obermayer and Albrecht Becker

The Nazis persecuted anyone who they believed to be 'different'. Badges were given to concentration camp prisoners based on the group they belonged to. As a Gay Jew, Leopold Obermayer was forced to wear a pink triangle and a yellow star. He was tortured and killed in Mauthausen Concentration Camp. In 2002, Albrecht Becker, a Gay German who was imprisoned following Obermayer's arrest, spoke up about the treatment of Gay men by the Nazis in the film Paragraph 175. Read Albrecht and Leopold's story: hmd.org.uk/resources/education/case-study-albrecht-becker