



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 28TH NOVEMBER 2007

SUBJECT: HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2008

REPORT BY: ESIS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report is to inform members of Holocaust Memorial Day.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 Holocaust Memorial Day is an annual event that takes place on 27th January. HMD was established in the UK in 2000 and the first HMD was held in January 2001.

2.2 27th January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz- Birkenhau concentration camp by soviet troops in 1945.

2.3 Holocaust Memorial Day seeks to change the future by learning from and remembering the past. Schools are encouraged to participate in Holocaust Memorial Day in order to remember the victims of the Holocaust and more recent genocides. It provides a framework to explore issues of morality, human reactions, individual experiences, responsibilities and larger questions of the role of governments and democracies. The government, including the WAG, encourages schools and LEAs to commemorate this event in some way.

2.4 The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust produces materials specific to the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme for 2008 is "**Imagine...remember, reflect, react**". Free educational resources are now available. The pack contains lesson plans, collective worship/assemblies and worksheets suitable for primary to post 16 students

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members of the SACRE are requested to approve the following actions:

- (i) To write to schools reminding them of HMD and ask them to commemorate it in some way
- (ii) To circulate to schools the Holocaust Memorial Day Pack.

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