



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2010

SUBJECT: HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2011

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the forthcoming Holocaust Memorial Day on Thursday the 27th January 2011.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Holocaust Memorial Day is an annual event that takes place on January 27th. HMD was established in the UK in 2000 and the first HMD was held in January 2001. January 27th marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz- Birkenhau concentration camp by soviet troops in 1945. 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 LAs to commemorate this event in some way.
- 2.2 The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust produces materials specific to the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme for 2011 is '*Untold Stories*'. Free educational resources containing material suitable for primary to post 16 students is available online at – material also included listening to a survivor talking about their experiences.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To write to schools reminding them of HMD and ask them to commemorate it in some way.
- 3.2 To circulate to schools the information on HMD and reference the website for appropriate resources.

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