



## CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 20TH FEBRUARY 2012

**SUBJECT: HOLOCAUST EDUCATION**

**REPORT BY: ESIS**

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To Inform SACRE of Holocaust education issues.

### 2. SUMMARY

2.1 Lesson From Auschwitz Project 2012

The Holocaust Education Trust has a *Lessons from Auschwitz* programme where sixth form pupils have the opportunity to visit Auschwitz Birkenau concentration camp and see first hand the remnants of what remains of that camp and the events that took place there.

Schools to take part this year (2012) from Caerphilly are:

- Cwmcarn High School
- Rhymney Comprehensive
- Coleg Gwent, Crosskeys Campus

2.2 Sixth Form Art Project - St Martin's Comprehensive School

This artwork was produced by a sixth form A level Art student at St Martin's Comprehensive School. His initial inspirations came from his experiences at commemoration events for Holocaust Memorial Day 2011, from pictures of Auschwitz from the Internet and also a visit he made to Auschwitz. This work covers the aspect of animation and film making as part of the Art syllabus-, which is a particular interest for the student. The student has depicted the events that occurred at Auschwitz during the Holocaust using some iconic pictures of Auschwitz-Birkenau such as the main building where the train track enters the camp. His portfolio includes a 'mood board' of images from Auschwitz. Clips included in the animation were originally created locally e.g. recreation of pile of shoes, train track from his local train line, cardboard model of Auschwitz etc.

The animation is called 'The Train'. It establishes the ideas of a journey, which ends with arrival at a destination -Auschwitz. It leaves the audience wondering '*What happens next?*' The purpose was to be educational as well as a record of horror, sadness and confusion.

The student had an A grade in Art.

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### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 Members discuss and note the report.

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