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Dear Colleague

**Holocaust Memorial Day  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Over the last few years, the Council and its partners have commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day by holding a service in Solihull. The service has developed year on year. The aim is for this Memorial Day to continue in 2019, involving Solihull's schools and colleges.

***Torn from home*** is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2019. The theme for HMD 2019 encourages audiences to reflect on how the enforced loss of a safe place to call 'home' is part of the trauma faced by anyone experiencing persecution and genocide.

Schools and academies in Solihull are invited to:

1. Send two - three student representatives to the main service which will be held on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (11:00 – 11.45am)**, in the Council Chamber at the Civic Suite, Solihull. Students should be accompanied by one member of staff;
2. Hear about the experiences of a Holocaust survivor at The Core in Solihull Library, Homer Road, Solihull between 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Year 6/KS 3, 4 or 5.

If you would like to send representatives, please notify my colleague, Kim Sherlock, at [seis@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:seis@solihull.gov.uk) , confirming numbers and names by **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

To support your school, should you wish to organise any activities, please visit the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust website <http://hmd.org.uk/content/order-or-download-activity-pack> . More material is available from the Holocaust Centre site, <http://holocaustcentre.net/>. We would also be very interested to learn of planned activities.

Please get in touch if there are any queries.

Yours sincerely



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