

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY WORKING GROUP 2019

THEME FOR 2019: 'TORN FROM HOME'

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – as at 7 January 2019

Members of the public are welcome at all events in this programme, though advance booking is advised for some to avoid disappointment. All events are free of charge.

Monday 28 January: Holocaust Memorial Day

Derby will commemorate HMD on Monday 28 January, to enable members of all faiths to participate fully and observe their Sabbath customs.

Bridge Chapel, Sowter Road, 3.00 pm: A Service of Reflection and Act of Commemoration

From the Bridge Chapel commemoration, the observance moves to the trees dedicated to Anne Frank and Olga Nahlak, located on **Cathedral Green**. In a brief ceremony, dignitaries, including the Mayor of Derby will place small stones at the foot of each tree. All who wish to do so may take part and stones will be provided at the trees.

Note 1: In Judaism, stone-setting is a custom, to let the deceased soul know that their grave has been visited and that they are still in the minds of those who remain.

Note 2: Olga Nahlak was a Ukrainian gentile who saved a Jewish family by hiding them in a bunker under her floorboards, even faking a pregnancy so that when one Jewish mother gave birth, no-one was surprised to see Olga with a baby and its crying aroused no suspicion. After Olga's husband disappeared, presumed murdered, she came to England where she lived and died in Derby and was designated Righteous Among the Nations. Full details of her life will be available on the day at the Bridge Chapel (and are available online – Google Olga Nahlak). Anne Frank's story is well known.

Further information: Collette Flood, Mayor's Office, 01332 642551

Some transport will be provided from the stone-setting to the Bosnia-Herzegovina Centre, which is around a 15 minute walk from Cathedral Green.

Bosnia-Herzegovina Centre, Curzon Street DE1 1LN, 4.00pm: Reception in commemoration of the Bosnian war and Srebrenica massacre, with presentations by refugees.

The Bosnian community invites everyone to enjoy complementary traditional Bosnian refreshments in the centre after the commemoration.

Further information: Ferid Kevric, General Manager, Bosnia-Herzegovina Centre: tel: 01332 294436.

Derby Cathedral, Irongate, DE1 3GP, 6.00pm - 7.00pm approx:

A Service of Commemoration, Remembrance and Hope, with readings from the Bible and Qu'ran, the Jewish Kaddish (traditional Hebrew prayer for the dead), roll call of genocides and music from the Cathedral Choir. Includes involvement by local schools.

Further information contact Catherine James, via Collette Flood, Mayor's Office, tel: 01332 642551

The Cathedral Café is open until 4 pm, after which tea/coffee will be available before the Service, at Amen Corner inside the Cathedral.

QUAD, Market Place, DE1 3AS, 7.30pm – approx. 9.30 pm: an evening of commemoration and celebration to include performances by communities that have found sanctuary and safety from persecution in Derby.

This diverse programme on this year's theme, 'TORN FROM HOME' will include:

- School Holocaust poetry competition winners – presentation of prizes
- Presentation by Ruth Barnett, who came to the UK on the Kindertransports in 1939
- a new poem written and read by award-winning Derby poet, Charles Whittaker
- a presentation by Crich junior School – work with refugees
- Yiddish songs/Jewish Klezmer Music - presented by Phil Tomlinson and Friends
- An interview with Ahmed, who will speak about his experiences of the asylum seeking process, from the perspective of a stateless person
- 'Voices' – a commentary on the rise of anti-semitism and intolerance in contemporary Britain
- Reflection on the Derby response to the Armenian Genocide and Holodomor in Ukraine and their recognition by Derby City Council
- Cultural presentation by Derby's Bosnian community
- Verse and Prose from the Derby Gypsy Liaison Group

Free, but advance booking is essential: QUAD box office 01332 290606

Tuesday 29 January

QUAD, Market Place, DE1 3AS at 9.30am

Showing of **'Into the Arms of Strangers'**

Narrated by Dame Judi Dench, this moving Oscar winning documentary tells of the extraordinary rescue operation that brought ten thousand children from German-held lands to Great Britain in the months prior to World War II.

The film is followed by a Q&A session with Holocaust survivor and Kindertransportee Ruth Barnett.

Whilst this showing is primarily for school groups, there are a limited number of tickets available for the public. Admission is FREE, but please book in advance. QUAD box office 01332 290606.

Friday 1st February 2019

Multi-Faith Centre (at University of Derby), Kedleston Road, DE22 1GB at 7:30pm

Ukrainian Music Event, presented by Hoverla and Derby's Ukrainian Community, to commemorate the Holodomor and to mark its formal recognition by Derby City Council.

Ticketing arrangements to be advised

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