

Holocaust Memorial Day video transcript

“Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) takes place on 27 January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Be the light in the darkness is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2021. We light this candle in remembrance of the millions of men, women and children, who were murdered during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.”

The Worshipful the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Councillor Kenneth Watts

“Each year we come together as a community, united to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, and pause to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives were changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust and Nazi Persecution.

This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are unable to come together in person to mark HMD 2021. However, we are urging everyone in Bridgend County Borough to pause for a moment on the 27 January to remember the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

We will also light up our main council building as a mark of respect to the many millions of men, women and children who lost their lives.

We urge all members of our communities to come together in solidarity. We can choose to be the light in the darkness in our homes, in public, and online.”

Leader of BCBC, Councillor Huw David

“We recognise that the Holocaust shook the foundations of modern civilisation. Its unprecedented character and horror will always hold universal meaning.”

Mark Shephard, Chief Executive, BCBC

“We believe the Holocaust must have a permanent place in our nation’s and community’s collective memory. We honour the survivors still with us, and reaffirm our shared goals of mutual understanding and justice.”

Rev Dr Philip Manghan, St Mary’s Catholic Church, Bridgend

“We must make sure that future generations understand the causes of the Holocaust and reflect upon its consequences. We vow to remember the victims of Nazi persecution and of all genocides.”

Megan Stone, Bridgend Youth Mayor

“We value the sacrifices of those who have risked their lives to protect or rescue victims, as a touchstone of the human capacity for good in the face of evil.”

Leanne Turner, Hate Crime Officer, South Wales Police

“We recognise that humanity is still scarred by the belief that race, religion, disability or sexuality make some people’s lives worth less than others’. Genocide, antisemitism, racism, xenophobia and discrimination still continue. We have a shared responsibility to fight these evils.”

Rev Rachel Wheeler, Bridgend United Church

“We pledge to strengthen our efforts to promote education and research about the Holocaust and other genocides. We will do our utmost to make sure that the lessons of such events are fully learnt.”

Suleman Hawas, Iman Aberkenfig Mosque

“We will continue to encourage Holocaust remembrance by organising an activity to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. We condemn the evils of prejudice, discrimination and racism. We value a free, respectful, and democratic society.”

Councillor Dhanisha Patel, Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations