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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2023 - PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IN DERBY

A programme of commemorative events to mark **Holocaust Memorial Day** will take place in Derby in the last week of January and February. Presented by Derby's Holocaust Memorial Day planning group with this year's theme of 'Ordinary People'. Members of the public are welcome to all of the events, which are all free of charge but advance booking is advised where possible.

Tuesday 24 January at 7.30pm

'Speaking Across the Divide' featuring guest speakers Derek Niemann, the grandson of a SS Officer and Noemie Lopian, the granddaughter of two concentration camp survivors. Their dialogue will be followed by a Q&A. Free tickets available at the door, but please book in advance to avoid disappointment. <https://bit.ly/3W9BTiU>

Multi-Faith Centre at The University of Derby, Kedleston Road, DE22 1GB

Wednesday 25 January at 7:30pm

'Speaking Across the Divide' featuring guest speakers Derek Niemann and Noemie Lopian.
Ukrainian Social Club - 27 Charnwood St, Derby DE1 2GU

Thursday 26 January at 2:30pm

A Service of Reflection and Act of Commemoration. The Service includes readings, music, prayers and opportunities for quiet reflection. After the Service, we walk to the memorial trees on Cathedral Green for a stone setting observance. All who wish to do so may take part and stones will be provided at the trees. Stone setting is a custom in Judaism, to let the deceased soul know that their grave has been visited and that they are still in the minds of those who remain. **Derby Cathedral, Irongate, DE1 3GP**

Thursday 26 January at 4:00pm

Reception in Commemoration of the Bosnian war and Srebrenica massacre with refreshments, presentations by refugees and short films.

Bosnia-Herzegovina Centre, Curzon Street DE1 1LN (Some transport is provided from Cathedral Green to the Centre)



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Thursday 26 January at 6:00pm

A Service of Commemoration, Remembrance and Hope, with readings from the Bible and Qu’ran, the Jewish Kaddish (traditional Aramaic prayer for the dead), roll call of genocides, lighting of candles and music from Derby Cathedral Choir and Littleover Community School Urban Choir. **Derby Cathedral, Irongate, DE1 3GP**

Thursday 26 January at 7:30pm

An Evening of Commemoration and Reflection by communities that have found sanctuary and safety from persecution in Derby. A selection of poignant, moving and inspiring performances on this year’s theme, ‘Ordinary People’. Contributions of spoken word, poetry, traditional songs, music and dance from Derby’s Ukrainian, Iranian and Bosnian communities, including the Traditional Iranian Santoor; a Ukrainian Opera singer and Derby’s Hoverla Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. This year’s keynote is about the impact of not recognising previous genocides in other countries and how this leads to the repetition of those terrible events; with particular reference to the Armenian Genocide on the state of Nagorno-Karabakh. Free tickets available at the door, but please book in advance to avoid disappointment

<https://www.derbyquad.co.uk/HMD2023> or call 01332 290606. **QUAD, Market Place, DE1 3AS**

Tuesday 31 January at 7:30pm

‘Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives’ including live performances and film clips of excerpts from a play written by Tom Samson, an introduction by the playwright and Q&A session. The event focuses on the lives of six children who came via Kindertransport from Poland to Talaton in Devon. The mother and aunt of Tania Sanders, who lives in Derby, were among the children, and Tania will share her own experience through interview during an evening of remembrance and hope. Free tickets available at the door, but please book in advance to avoid disappointment. <https://bit.ly/3iYDZnv>

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Friday 3 February at 10:30am



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Tree Planting Ceremony a special event to mark the planting of the sapling from Auschwitz and unveiling of the plaque on the University Campus. Assemble at the Multi -Faith Centre where hot drinks will be available before a short walk to the site. <https://bit.ly/3hoFTNM>

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Wednesday 8 February at 7.30pm

Broken Instruments, story inspired by the book 'Violins of Hope' by James A. Grymes. It tells the story of fictional character Ari Vander and how the music of the violin saved his life, and the lives of many others during the Holocaust. The events to which he relates really did happen. This performance of the musical by Phil Baggaley and William Varnam inspired by the book features live music, storytelling and song. Free tickets available in advance to avoid disappointment. <https://bit.ly/3Hx3mqv>

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For further information on the whole programme, please see

<https://holocaustmemorialdayderby.org/> or email: hmdderby@outlook.com

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QUAD is Derby's centre for art and film, a mixed arts venue based on the Market Place. QUAD is the city's cultural hub with a three-screen cinema, an art gallery showing the best in contemporary visual arts, digital workshop spaces plus an award-winning Café bar. QUAD has been at the heart of Derby's cultural scene since it opened in September in 2008 and is internationally recognised for providing quality and excellence in the Arts. QUAD delivers an exciting, innovative and diverse programme which is popular with visitors of all ages, with a reputation in Photography, digital innovation & family friendly events. The venue organises FORMAT International Photography Festival and Derby Film Festival. QUAD is a partnership between Derby City Council and Arts Council England. QUAD is open daily from 10am, for more information please visit: www.derbyquad.co.uk <http://twitter.com/derbyquad> For further information please contact QUAD's Marketing & Audience Development Manager, Kathy Wilson on 01332 285422 / kathyw@derbyquad.co.uk