

## **Rother District Council**

Report to - Council  
Date - 20 February 2023  
Subject - Motion – Council Motion – Holocaust Memorial Day

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### **Motion submitted by Councillor Harmer, Chair of Council**

#### **Holocaust Memorial Day**

Holocaust Memorial Day was established on 27 January 2000, when representatives from 46 countries around the world met in Stockholm to discuss Holocaust education, remembrance and research. At the end of this meeting, all attendees signed a declaration committing to preserving the memory of those who were murdered in the Holocaust.

At that time, Rother District Council moved a Motion of support in December 2021. It is therefore considered timely to recommit again to the ethos behind the movement and it is proposed that the following Motion be supported:

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

More ideas and resources for HMD activities:

[Holocaust Memorial Day Trust | Resources \(hmd.org.uk\)](https://www.hmd.org.uk/resources)