

## Somerset Holocaust Memorial Candle to better connect with Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January and beyond



Somerset's Holocaust Memorial Candle at the Holocaust Memorial Day service, Taunton 2025

### Suggestions within RE &/ or tutor time/ circle time to make more of Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January and throughout the Year

- 1. Stimulus 1;** with a class/ school council, watch curated moments from the Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2024 UK Ceremony which were streamed live on 27 January 2024 (Holocaust Memorial Trust film). Use guided questions [I SEE, I THINK, I WONDER] to encourage students to consider features of the ceremony (see below for weblinks).
- 2. Stimulus 2;** pre-select excerpts from curated materials/ testimonies to provide students with a wide context of people persecuted during WW2 and more recent genocides. Create a timeline to include:- a) dates of persecutions/ genocides b) dates of positive action eg. UDHR, UNCRC, remembrance & solidarity dates etc.
- 3. Arrange a Visit** with School Council students/ selected class members to a local memorial service to observe and experience the emotion and solidarity of multifaith/ secular groups prompted by the Holocaust and later genocides. At the close of the memorial prompt students to capture their feelings, memories, emotions, learning in a way that helps them take observations, emotions, feelings etc back to school for discussion and action throughout the year.
- 4. Host** the Somerset Holocaust Memorial candle from GLADE Centre/ Somerset Interfaith & Belief Network for a week. Book teacher & student sessions to find out more about Somerset's lesser known connections. Contact [Liz@glade.org](mailto:Liz@glade.org)
- 5. Collaborate** with School Council/ your class to create a response to Somerset's Holocaust Memorial connections, and approach GLADE Centre / Somerset Interfaith & Belief Network to be involved in the next memorial to either:- a) host your own Holocaust Memorial Day memorial service – it can be secular or b) ask if you contribute to the Somerset Holocaust Memorial Service held in Taunton. Contact [Liz@glade.org](mailto:Liz@glade.org) for advice on how best to go about this.

Curated materials for teaching and learning, free to download, can be found by clicking on the **PARTNERSHIP-togetherness & solidarity; view materials on freedom** icon at: <https://interfaithbelief.glade.org/>