

Date: 26th January 2026

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is a national day of remembrance, held each year on 27th January.

The 2026 theme, Bridging Generations, focuses on passing on memories, lessons and responsibility from one generation to the next, to help build a future rooted in empathy, understanding and respect.



The day commemorates the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of others killed through Nazi persecution. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on prejudice, discrimination and hatred that still exist today, and our shared responsibility to challenge them.

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, established by the government, supports communities across the UK to mark the day, protect the historical truth of the Holocaust, and stand against denial and distortion.

[Local events are taking place in Chester](#), where landmarks will be lit purple and candles placed inside Chester Town Hall.

If this topic affects you, support is available through the Employee Assistance Programme, Health Assured, or via the Multicultural Staff Network.