

THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOLOCAUST COMMISSION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

The Holocaust is unique in man's inhumanity to man and it stands alone as the darkest hour of human history. Many organisations and individuals have worked tirelessly to ensure the memory of that atrocity remains alive and its lessons continue to resonate today. Many survivors have played a crucial role by sharing their testimony. But we will not always have the survivors with us and as the events of the Holocaust become ever more distant they will feel increasingly remote to current and future generations.

The Holocaust Commission will investigate what further measures should be taken to ensure Britain has a permanent and fitting memorial to the Holocaust, along with sufficient educational and research resources for future generations.

The Commission will report its findings to the Prime Minister by the end of 2014.

OBJECTIVES

In carrying out its remit, the Commission should:

- Examine the full range of initiatives which currently exist to commemorate the Holocaust and to educate on its impact and implications.
- Consider how these will serve our needs in an era where we no longer have the survivors with us and when the events of the Holocaust feel ever more distant and remote.
- Learn from how other countries around the world - including America, Israel, Europe and members of the Commonwealth - have sought to commemorate and educate about the Holocaust.
- Include a clear focus on the role that Britain played through, for example, the Kindertransport, the liberation of Bergen-Belsen and the experiences of survivors now living in Britain.
- Provide opportunities for interested parties and members of the public, including Holocaust survivors, to offer evidence on existing initiatives and suggestions on what more should be done.
- Submit a report to the Prime Minister setting out the evidence gathered and outlining a set of concrete, deliverable recommendations which will ensure the Holocaust and its lessons remain relevant for future generations.

It will be for Her Majesty's Government to consider and take forward the implementation of these recommendations.