

to The Headteacher Secondary Schools  
F.A.O. Head of History  
Head of RE  
Head of Citizenship

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please ask for Paula Rowlands

Dear Headteacher

**Wirral Commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day  
Main Theatre – New Brighton Floral Pavilion  
Wednesday 27 January 2016, 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm  
Theme 2016 : ‘Don’t Stand By’**

**An invitation to students of GCSE and A Level History, RE and Citizenship**

Illustrated address by Joanna Millan, Holocaust Survivor  
‘Statement of Commitment’ by Wirral Pupils  
Presentations by Pupils from Wirral Secondary Schools  
Inspired by the Holocaust

Wirral Local Authority has been very fortunate to arrange for Holocaust survivor Joanna Millan to return to Wirral to address our GCSE History, RE and Citizenship students, and to join with Wirral Councillors, Wirral SACRE members and other invited guests for our annual commemoration of National Holocaust Memorial Day. The Wirral event will be held on Wednesday 27 January 2016. On behalf of Wirral Children & Young People's Department and Wirral SACRE, I write to invite you to join us for this important commemoration event.

This is a very special opportunity for pupils of GCSE and A level History, Citizenship and R.E., and their teachers, to hear a first hand account of the experiences of a Holocaust survivor. Joanna Millan has spoken to Wirral pupils on two previous occasions. Joanna was born Bela Rosenthal in August 1942 in Berlin, Germany. In June 1943, Bela and her mother were taken from their home and sent to the Theresienstadt ghetto. After liberation Bela, along with five other surviving orphans, was flown to England. Joanna went on to marry a Jewish man and has three children and eight grandchildren. She is a magistrate and today speaks regularly about her experiences during the Holocaust.

We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Joanna's testimony, it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives.

During the session on 27 January, the main focus will be Joanna Millan's presentation followed by the opportunity for questions and discussion.

*We are also seeking an input from a school which will be prepared to organise a presentation from their students on their experience of visiting Auschwitz. If you are interested in providing a ten minute presentation from your students during this event please contact Marion Landor by email [marion.elandorassociates@hotmail.com](mailto:marion.elandorassociates@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.*

There will also be a short commemoration service involving pupils from Wirral schools, who will read the '**statement of commitment**' and light the Yahrzeit (memorial) candles. Please let me know if you wish to nominate 2 pupils to take part in the reading of the 'Statement of Commitment' on the attached reply slip. Please note we need the names on the reply slip, not to follow later.

The specific theme for the national Holocaust Memorial Day of 2016 is '**Don't Stand By**'. On Holocaust Memorial Day 2016 we can focus on the contemporary relevance of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, and consider our individual responsibilities not to be bystanders to hate crime and prejudice, nor to international threats of genocide. We must ensure that the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and subsequent genocides are not forgotten, trivialised or denied.

A more detailed programme will follow at the start of the Spring Term. The events will take place at The Main Theatre – New Brighton Floral Pavilion which accommodates 800 people.

If you are able to attend the event, I would be grateful if you could inform me by replying to Paula Rowlands on fax number: 0151 666 3693 or email [paularowlands@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:paularowlands@wirral.gov.uk) using the form attached by Friday 4 December 2015.

Yours sincerely

*M J Landor*

Marion Landor  
RE Adviser to Wirral SACRE



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**Number of Pupils:** 20

**Number of Staff:** 3

**Nomination of 2 pupils who would like to contribute to the ‘Statement of Commitment’ (Please note the names need to be provided at this stage)**

N/A

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*Joanna Millan will bring with her copies of the book “We Remember” produced by the Child Survivors’ Association. The cost of the book will be £6.00 and pupils wishing to purchase a copy will need to have the exact money with them.*

**Please reply by Friday 4 December 2015 to:**

**Paula Rowlands**

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