



BEDFORD
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Holocaust Memorial Events and Activities in Bedford

23rd January – 18th February 2018



EVENTS AT THE HIGGINS BEDFORD

Anne Frank & Family

Photographs by Otto Frank - 24th January to 18th February 2018 - Free Entry

Anne Frank & Family, an exhibition of family photographs by Otto Frank, taken before World War Two will be free to visit at The Higgins Bedford from 24th January – 18th February 2018. The exhibition has been brought to Bedford by The Anne Frank Trust and forms a central part of Bedford's Holocaust Memorial events. The exhibition has been shown in St Paul's Cathedral, London, as well as in New York, Amsterdam and Frankfurt. It is accompanied by a collection of period toys, clothes and books, reflecting those captured in the photos, as well as educational resources for younger visitors.



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'We must learn from the past so that history does not repeat itself'

Chantal Uwamahoro, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide

There will be a programme of free events accompanying the exhibition.

Wednesday 24th January, 6.30pm: Survivor stories from Rwanda

Wednesday 31st January, 6.30pm: Survivor stories from Srebrenica

Wednesday 7th February, 6.30pm: Survivor stories from Eva Clarke.

One family's experience of the Holocaust.

13th – 16th February: The Higgins Young Peoples' Panel (HYPP) will lead a series of activities related to the exhibition and the theme of The Power of Words during February half-term. All events are free. No need to book.

Visit the website at www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk

Email thehiggins@bedford.gov.uk **or call us on** 01234 718618





HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Holocaust Memorial Day is a national event that takes place on 27th January every year and in 2018, the theme is 'The Power of Words'. This year the Holocaust Memorial events in Bedford include an exhibition, a series of workshops for schools run by the Anne Frank Trust, film and theatre events at The Place Theatre, a Civic Commemoration and a commemoration at the Anne Frank Tree in Russell Park. There will be a reception to launch the exhibition on Monday 29th January at The Higgins Bedford at 1pm at which Gillian Walnes Perry, Honorary Vice President and co-founder of the Anne Frank Trust will deliver the keynote speech.

Saturday 27th January - 6.30pm

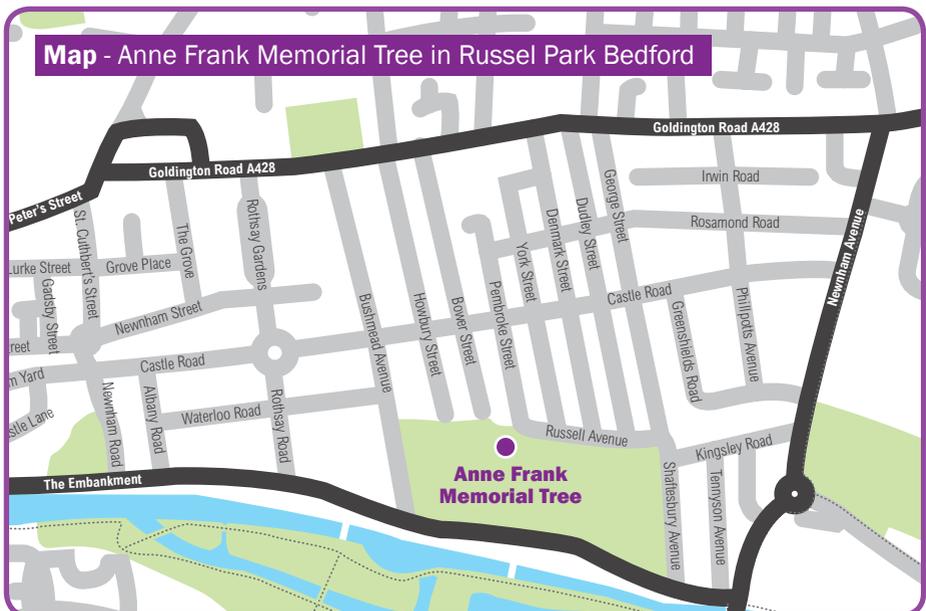
The Civic Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration

The Harpur Suite, Harpur Square including the lighting of 11 remembrance candles.

Monday 29th January - 12.30pm

Commemoration at the Anne Frank Tree

Russell Park (close to Pembroke Street and Bower Street) featuring words from Anne Frank's diary.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENTS

23rd January 2018

The Place Theatre

Mengele - 7.30pm

£12 (Concessions £10)

www.theplacebedford.org.uk

24th January 2018 – 18th February

The Higgins Bedford

Anne Frank & Family - Free Entry

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24th January 2018

The Higgins Bedford

Survivor Stories from Rwanda

6.30pm Free Entry

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27th January 2018

Harpur Suite

Holocaust Memorial Day

Civic Commemoration

6.30pm to 7.30pm

www.bedford.gov.uk

28th January 2018

The Place Theatre

Film: Into the Arms of Strangers

4pm - £5

Film: Sophie's Choice

6.30pm - £5 (£8 to see both films)

www.theplacebedford.org.uk

29th January 2018

The Anne Frank Tree, Russell Park

Holocaust Memorial Commemoration

12.30pm - Featuring local school pupils and Gillian Walnes MBE - Co founder of the Anne Frank Trust. This event will be followed by a reception at The Higgins Bedford at 1pm.

www.bcof.org.uk

31st January 2018

The Higgins Bedford

Survivor Stories: Remembering

Srebrenica - 6.30pm Free Entry

www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk

7th February 2018

The Higgins Bedford

Survivor Stories: Eva Clarke Holocaust

Survivor - 6.30pm Free Entry

www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk

13th – 16th February 2018

The Higgins Bedford

The Higgins Young Peoples' Panel

11am – 5pm each day Free Entry

(HYPP) will lead a series of activities related to the exhibition Anne Frank and Family and the theme of *The Power of Words* during February half-term.

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ABOUT HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January is the day for everyone to remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of people killed in Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. 27 January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

On Holocaust Memorial Day we can honour the survivors of these regimes of hatred and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today. This is a time when we seek to learn the lessons of the past and to recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own, it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented. We're fortunate here in the UK; we are not at risk of genocide. However, discrimination has not ended, nor has the use of the language of hatred or exclusion. There is still much to do to create a safer future and Holocaust Memorial Day is an opportunity to start this process.

The power of words is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018.

Words can make a difference – both for good and evil.

'I want to go on living even after my death! And that's why I am so grateful to God for having given me this gift, which I can use to develop myself and to express all that's in me. When I write I can shake off all my cares; my sorrow disappears; my spirits are revived.'

Anne Frank, 5 April 1944, Diary of a young girl

Spoken and written words from individuals, corporations, community organisations or the state, can have a huge impact, whether good or bad. The words that we see and hear all around us today – in newspapers, online, in conversations – the words that we choose to use, all have an impact upon us and those around us.

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