
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	24 January 2023
Report By:	Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Report No:	LS/005/23
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Subject:	United Nations' Holocaust Memorial Day – Request by Councillor McCluskey		

1.0 PURPOSE AND CONSIDERATIONS

- 1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise the Education & Communities Committee of a request received from Councillor McCluskey relative to the United Nations' Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2023.
- 1.3 The terms of Councillor McCluskey's request are set out in appendix 1 to the report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Education & Communities Committee considers the request by Councillor McCluskey.

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Appendix 1

United Nations' Holocaust Memorial Day will be marked on 27th January. The day marks the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution of other groups and during more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is "Ordinary People" and asks us to call to mind the role of ordinary people in facilitating persecution and genocide, and also those extraordinary people who went to extreme lengths to help, rescue and save people.

The organisers of Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 are asking people to remember that today, we are all ordinary people who can be extraordinary in our actions. We can all make decisions to challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred, to speak out against identity-based persecution, to shop responsibly.

Committee is asked to note Holocaust Memorial Day 2023; requests that the Council promote the day through its social media and other channels; encourages organisations and individuals in Inverclyde to participate in the "Light the Darkness" event from 4pm on 27th January; and requests officers of the Council consider how the Council can mark Holocaust Memorial Day in the future.