

# HOT TOPICS – JANUARY 2023

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY TAKES PLACE ON 27 JANUARY EACH YEAR

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is held on the 27 January each year because this “marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp” [Source: [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust | What is Holocaust Memorial Day? \(hmd.org.uk\)](https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/)]



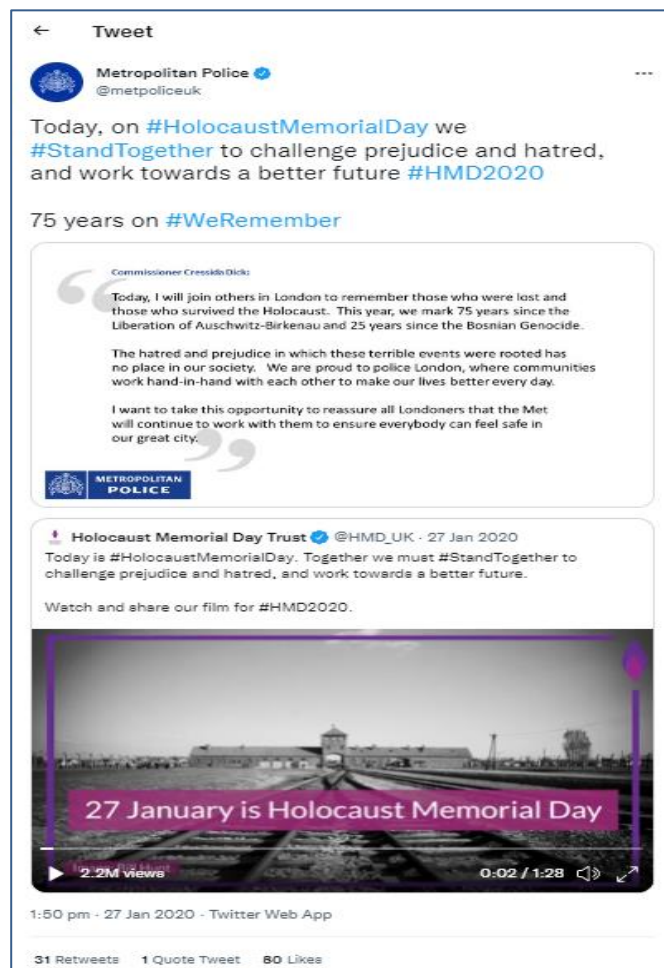
The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) promote and support HMD to “remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution of other groups and in genocides that followed Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur” [Source: [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust | What is Holocaust Memorial Day? \(hmd.org.uk\)](https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/)]



Before reading any further, please take the time to watch the video that explores the impact of HMD:

[The impact of Holocaust Memorial Day - YouTube](#) [5m]

Below is a tweet about Holocaust Memorial Day from our previous Commissioner, Cressida Dick, in 2020:



### HOW DID HMD START?

“Holocaust Memorial Day was created on 27 January 2000, when representatives from 46 governments around the world met in Stockholm to discuss Holocaust education, remembrance and research, At the end of this meeting, all attendees signed a declaration committing to preserving the memory of those who have been murdered in the Holocaust” [Source: [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust | The Stockholm Declaration \(hmd.org.uk\)](https://www.hmd.org.uk/the-stockholm-declaration/)]

Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 is due to be held at City Hall on Friday 27 January between 11am and 12pm.

### Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony 2023

Entry is free  
[Source: [Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony 2023 | LGOV \(london.gov.uk\)](https://www.lg.gov.uk/ceremony-2023/)]



The HMD Trust produces a ‘Get Involved’ guide for emergency services and recognises that “emergency services play a vital role in tackling prejudice and discrimination by protecting our diverse communities and encouraging greater cohesion. By marking HMD, police, fire and ambulance services can profile equality work and challenge hatred in our communities today” [Source: [Get-involved-guide-for-emergency-services.pdf \(hmd.org.uk\)](https://www.hmd.org.uk/get-involved-guide-for-emergency-services.pdf)]

Thinking about what you have read in this Hot Topic, how might the wider issues of hatred and prejudice impact on your role in policing? What challenges and problems may confront you and how might this impact on the protected characteristics identified in the Equality Act 2010? Building on your knowledge and understanding of fundamental British Values, what issues may you encounter when dealing with hatred and prejudice and how could you deal with them?



The following sources used may provide you with further information about Holocaust Memorial Day

[Holocaust Memorial Day Trust \(hmd.org.uk\)](https://www.hmd.org.uk/)  
[Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony 2023 | LGOV \(london.gov.uk\)](https://www.lg.gov.uk/ceremony-2023/)