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Holocaust Generations Conference

The Association of Jewish Refugees, the Second Generation Network and the Kindertransport Association Inc. are delighted to announce historic inter-generational gathering for Holocaust refugees and survivors and their descendants on Sunday, 18 January 2015 at the UCL Institute of Education (IoE), 20 Bedford Way (adjacent to Russell Square), London WC1H 0AL.

The one-day Holocaust Generations Conference will bring together the families of Shoah victims to hear from speakers addressing a number of post-Holocaust subjects, to meet people with similar backgrounds and to share experiences. The conference will cover several subjects of interest including history, psychology, genealogy, as well as highlighting the culture and legacy of the refugees and survivors.

As the first generation community dwindles, this timely conference will also explore ways of commemorating the Holocaust and preserving the heritage of the refugees and survivors for future generations.

As part of the event, the UCL IoE will be announcing the findings of the UCL IoE's Centre for Holocaust Education's ground-breaking research into the impact of Holocaust education on school students, based on a questionnaire sent to more than 8,000 11-18 year olds throughout the country.

The day will feature a variety of panel discussions and two sets of simultaneous workshops involving a broad range of topics, including the contribution of the refugees to Britain, Holocaust-era archives, 30 years of Holocaust film, the Listeners, unearthing Treblinka, Holocaust-era art restitution, oral testimony, support for carers, and the psychological impact of surviving the Holocaust.

Tickets for the conference are £40 per person, which includes lunch and refreshments. To register, visit the Holocaust Generations Conference website at www.holocaustgenerationsconference.org

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The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) www.ajr.org.uk is the national charity exclusively delivering social and welfare services, including financial assistance, to Jewish victims of Nazi oppression as well as their dependants and descendants living in Great Britain. The AJR also supports Holocaust education and research projects and initiatives to commemorate the Holocaust.

The AJR has produced the ground-breaking audio-visual testimony archive, *Refugee Voices*. This collection of 150 filmed interviews creates a legacy of the experiences of the refugees and will advance and enhance Holocaust research for future generations. *Refugee Voices* enables Holocaust researchers and scholars to watch up to 450 hours of film and read fully edited and transcribed accounts. For the first time, researchers will also be assisted by time-codes that, together with a summary sheet and key words section, direct users to specific sections of the films. Details of *Refugee Voices* are at www.refugeevoices.co.uk

The AJR is part of the UK delegation to the [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance \(IHRA\)](http://www.ihra.org), which brings together governments and non-governmental organisations to raise awareness of the Holocaust and places political and social leaders' support behind the need for Holocaust education, remembrance, and research both nationally and internationally.

The Kindertransport Association (KTA) www.kindertransport.org is a USA-based not-for-profit charity formed in 1989 that unites child Holocaust refugees and their spouses and descendants. It is an international member-based volunteer organization with a membership-elected Board of Trustees and has informal chapters around the USA and overseas. As part of its purpose, the KTA organizes conferences, reunions and supports charitable work that aids children-in-need. The KTA publishes a quarterly journal, the *KinderLink*, and has a Speaker's Bureau providing materials and speakers for public forums, including schools. The KTA is an executive member of the World Federation of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust and their Descendants. In October 2015, the KTA will be having a 3-day conference in Michigan, USA.

The Second Generation Network www.secondgeneration.org.uk was founded in 1995 and is the national organisation within the UK representing the children and grandchildren of survivors and refugees from Nazi persecution in Europe. Members of the Network live all over the UK and are of all ages and backgrounds. The Network publishes a magazine, *Second Generation Voices*, three times a year, provides a link between smaller regional groups around the UK and holds events throughout the year. These include discussion groups, talks, film screenings and workshops, providing opportunities to meet with others of a similar background. In 2014 the Network voted to open its membership to the Third Generation. Second Generation Network is associated with the Wiener Library.