

REMEMBERING & RETHINKING 2025

TEACHING AND LEARNING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and coffee

09:30 – 09:45

Welcome remarks

Michael Newman, The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR)

09:45 – 11:00

Teaching digital natives about the Holocaust

- Yfat Barak-Cheney, World Jewish Congress
- Sally Burtonshaw, Public First
- Catherine Clark, USC Shoah Foundation
- *Chair: TBC*

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 12:15

Breakout sessions

1. *Educating about and against antisemitism*
 - Unesco (TBC)
 - Kirsty Fraser, Holocaust Educational Trust
 - Greg Keith, University of Sydney
 - Samantha Cass, Union of Jewish Students
 - *Chair: Mark Rusling, Antisemitism Policy Trust*
2. *From the funders' perspective*
 - Amy Brier, Pears Foundation
 - Claims Conference (TBC)
 - Alex Maws, The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR)
 - *Chair: TBC*
3. *Bringing archives to life in the classroom*
 - Kate Marrison, University of Sussex
 - Shirli Gilbert, Sir Martin Gilbert Learning Centre
 - Barbara Warnock, Wiener Holocaust Library
 - *Chair: Amy Williams, The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR)*

12:20 – 13:00

Holocaust Education through a Trauma-informed Lens

Jody Spiegel, The Azrieli Foundation

13:00 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 14:45

Breakout sessions – workshops curated by partner organisations

1. Holocaust Centre North

Working from the Margins: Contemporary Approaches to Holocaust Memory –

- Paula Kolar: “Memorial Gestures: Working With Artists to Reach Beyond the Archive”
- Will Mitchell: “Honouring Memory: Applying Forensic Archaeological techniques to support Holocaust descendants across Europe”
- Jenny Kagan: “Out of Darkness. From Halifax to Kaunas. Taking stories home.”
- *Chair: Dr Alessandro Bucci*

2. Landecker Digital Memory Lab

Interrogating the Tensions Between Teaching and Learning about the Holocaust, and Digital Media

- Prof Victoria Richardson-Walden

3. Echoes & Reflections Partnership (USC Shoah Foundation, ADL & Yad Vashem)

Expanding and Improving Holocaust Education in the U.S.

- Lesly Culp
- Lindsay Friedman
- Jen Goss
- Sheryl Ochayon

14:50 – 15:15

What do we mean by ‘Holocaust Education’ in 2025?

Alex Maws, The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR)

15:15 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 16:45

New pedagogical research for new challenges

- Students’ understandings about the Holocaust – Andy Pearce, UCL Centre for Holocaust for Holocaust Education
- TBC

16:45 – 17:15

Discussion forum and reflections

All delegates

- *Chair: Jurmet Huitema-de Waal, Anne Frank House + TBC*

18:00 – 20:00

Evening reception at the Austrian Embassy

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TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

08:30 – 09:00

Registration and coffee

09:00 – 09:15

Welcome remarks

Mike Karp, The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR)

09:15 – 09:30

International cooperation on Holocaust education, research and remembrance

Michaela Kuchler, The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)

09:30 – 10:15

We still don't know everything: Emerging historical research

Dr Waitman Wade Beorn, University of Northumbria

10:15 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 11:30

Breakout sessions

1. The Holocaust across the curriculum

- Cate Hollis on drama, Voices of the Holocaust
- Caroline Slifkin on visual art, Bolton Schools Linking Project
- Serena Thompson on writing, National Literacy Trust
- *Chair: Rachel Burns, UK Jewish Film (TBC)*

2. Bearing Witness: The Role of Holocaust Testimony in Teaching and Learning

- Amy Gee, Holocaust Educational Trust
- Nicola Strauther, National Holocaust Museum
- Dr Bea Lewkowicz, The AJR/Holocaust Testimony UK
- Dr Susan Krasner, Holocaust Learning UK
- *Chair: Dr Cai Parry-Jones, Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government*

3. Power in Partnerships: Scaling through Collaboration

- Paula Cowan & Elysha Ramage, Vision Schools Scotland
- Bernie Graham, The Holocaust, Their Family, Me and Us
- Sam Bibb, Core Education Trust/Echo Eternal
- *Chair: Clementine Smith*

11:35 – 12:30

Beyond "On a scale of 1 to 10..." – Delving into what works and what doesn't

Ben Barkow & Clementine Smith

Chair: Alex Maws, The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR)

12:30 – 13:15

Lunch

13:15 – 14:15

Breakout sessions

1. *Teaching the Holocaust through a local lens*
 - Prof. Andrea Hammell, University of Aberystwyth
 - Kerry Patterson, Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre
 - Andy Lawrence and students, Hampton School
 - *Chair: Dr Bea Lewkowicz, The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR)*
2. *The Holocaust, human rights and civil rights*
 - Mia Hasenson-Gross, René Cassin
 - Dr Michelle Perkins, Facing History and Ourselves
 - Jurmet Huitema-de Waal, Anne Frank House
 - *Chair: Jess Brandler, Solutions Not Sides*
3. *New pedagogical guidance*
 - Updating the IHRA Teaching Guidelines – Dr Paula Cowan, Vision Schools Scotland & Yael Richler-Friedman, Yad Vashem
 - Educating at Holocaust sites – Dr Alasdair Richardson, University of Winchester
 - Sharing ‘next generation’ oral histories – Helen Stone, G2G
 - *Chair: (TBC)*

14:20 – 15:30

The changing global landscape

- Europe – Hannah Lessing, National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism
- North America – Prof. Oren Stier, Florida International University
- Israel – Yael Richler-Friedman, Yad Vashem
- South America – TBC
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16:30 – 18:30

‘Finchleystasse’ walk, followed by reception at The Freud Museum