

## GOAL FOUR

To support individuals, organisations and communities across the UK to mark HMD profoundly and meaningfully

### Here are some of our highlights from the past year:

Despite the impact of the pandemic on local communities, we were inspired by the commitment to HMD. We supported 2,800 organisations holding HMD activities across the UK, including over two thirds of all local authorities.

We created special resources to help online commemorations: 'HMD Together', a range of interactive and creative resources. This included Create Together – a group art activity, Read Together – a virtual book club activity and Remember Together – a virtual ceremony resource pack.

Engaging young people is crucial. 58% organisations marking HMD reached young people. This included 1,379 schools and 265 youth related organisations.

We continued our focus on eight areas in the UK with low social cohesion, and successfully encouraged 48 schools in these areas to mark HMD.

Our youth photography competition, **Light up the darkness**, attracted 400 entrants from our networks and from our partner organisations, Scouts, Girl Guiding, National Union of Students and Union of Jewish Students. Our expert panel of judges was chaired by Labour MP, Tulip Siddiq, and included photographer and director, Rankin, and sculptor and Holocaust survivor, Maurice Blik. We invited young people, aged 14-25, to submit a photo which celebrated the people, groups, places and objects which bring us and others light in times of darkness.

*'It was so fantastic to see how they harnessed the power that photography can have to conceptualise their feelings and thoughts around the theme.'*

**Rankin, *Light up the darkness* photography competition judge**

*'It has been invigorating to see the ingenuity and originality of these young people's imagery.'*

**Maurice Blik, *Light up the darkness* photography competition judge**



### CASE STUDY:

#### THOMAS ASHTON SCHOOL

Thomas Ashton School continued its yearly Holocaust memorial art project in 2021, despite the difficulties posed by remote learning. This year the school, along with other special schools in Tameside and a care home, created the 'Tree of Light' memorial. Each participant dedicated a glow-in-the-dark star on the tree, designed to fit this year's theme. Every star had a number, which highlighted the story of someone who helped or rescued those who were persecuted during the Holocaust. A book detailed all the names of pupils involved and the names of those honoured on the stars.