

THE HOLOCAUST: PEOPLE & OBJECTS TOUR

Teacher's Notes

Welcome

Thank you for booking The Holocaust: People and Objects Tour.

BEFORE YOUR VISIT PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY

ABOUT THE SESSION

The Holocaust: People and Objects Tour is a facilitator-led session that takes place on-gallery in the Main Exhibition Space. Students will look at artifacts on display and hear personal stories, gaining an insight into the impact of the Holocaust on survivors and their families.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

You may find our online learning resource <u>The Way We Lived</u> a useful starting point. It is a series of short films focusing on pre-Holocaust Jewish life in Europe and examines the origins of antisemitism and how it affected people.

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT:

It is essential that the students have some background knowledge of this subject, as these activities are not an introduction to the Holocaust.

It is important when studying the Holocaust that Jewish people are not defined solely in reference to the Holocaust.

Useful websites:

Centre for Holocaust Education - https://www.holocausteducation.org.uk/ Holocaust Educational Trust - https://www.ushmm.org/ United States Holocaust Memorial Museum - https://www.ushmm.org/

SCHEDULE FOR The Holocaust: People and Objects Tour

Arrive at IWM North 10 minutes before you are due to start and enter through the Group Entrance. You will be met by a member of the IWM team who will guide you to place your coats and bags in the bag room and conduct a health and safety briefing. You will be then directed to your meeting point in the Main Exhibition Space where you will meet the facilitator. We cannot guarantee the availability of the session to groups who are more than 15 minutes late. If we are unable to reschedule your experience due to your late arrival, this is classed as a cancellation and you will incur a 100% administration fee.

On gallery introduction (5 mins)

- The meeting point is underneath the Harrier Jump Jet inside the entrance of the Main Exhibition Space. Please arrive here 5 minutes before your session start time.
- Students will receive an explanation and definition on the Holocaust.

On gallery guided tour (40 mins)

 A facilitated- led tour to areas within the Main Exhibition Space where students can explore specific cabinets that tell the personal stories of those impacted by the Holocaust.

AFTER YOUR SESSION

Explore the Main Exhibition Space

The Timeline runs around the perimeter wall of the Main Exhibition Space.

The **Safe for Democracy** case contains artefacts showing the spread of fascism across Europe, including Britain.

A film showing the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany is located next to the **Germany between the Wars** case.

On the left of the **Genocide** case, your students will find artwork commissioned by IWM by Chava Rosenzweig. This intimate and powerful installation explores the impact of the Holocaust on second and third generation survivors. A painting of the Lodtz Ghetto, *The Death Cart* by Holocaust survivor Edith Birkin, is located opposite the **Genocide** case. Next to this painting, your students will find drawings of Ravensbruck concentration camp by political prisoner, Violette Rougier Lecoq.

The Big Picture Show

You may want to watch one of our Big Picture Shows. This is a 360-degree audio visual experience using images and sounds from our archives. One of the shows, *Children and War*, features testimony by children affected by Nazi persecution and antisemitism. Please check here to find out the Big Picture Show schedule for the date of your visit