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“We Remember”

Members of all faiths and cultures will come together on Friday 26th January 2007 to remember the victims of the Holocaust and of oppression and torture across the world at a ceremony at Dudley College, The Broadway Campus, 12noon – 1:30pm. This event has been organised by the Centre for Equality & Diversity

This is the seventh Holocaust Memorial Day and it gives us an opportunity to reflect and remember all victims of genocide and educate in the ongoing fight against discrimination, prejudice and intolerance in the 21st Century.

The main address will be given by the Bishop of Dudley; Rt Revd David Walker. He said "Remembering the holocaust helps us both to fight the evil in our own society and to affirm all that is good and brave and inclusive".

Paul Oppenheimer, Holocaust Survivor will also be delivering a short presentation, which will be followed by a poetry reading by a pupil from Castle High School.

In paying tribute to the bravery of so many ordinary people and showing a commitment to tackle exclusion and racism, representatives from faith communities will be reading out a signed statement of commitment.

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In December 2006, the Centre for Equality & Diversity sponsored Ian Dennant a Dudley College student to visits Auschwitz-Birkenau. Ian will be sharing his experience and talking about his visit. Modern Day genocides will also be highlighted through a dramatic theatre performance by The Company and also a "Dignity of Difference (Same but Different) exhibition.

Faith representatives will be concluding the ceremony with a two minute silence and lighting a candle as a sign of peace, unity and hope for the future. .

All are welcome to participate in this special public commemoration event.

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---NOTES FOR EDITORS---

- (i) The Centre for Equality & Diversity (CfED) is a newly constituted organisation developed from the Dudley Racial Equality Council (DREC).
- (ii) CfED is a company limited by guarantee (5745005) and a registered charity 91114821)
- (iii) An organisation at the heart of the Borough of Dudley and dedicated to:
 - (a) promoting the interest of all Black and Minority Ethnic communities
 - (b) building effective partnerships
 - (c) Creating an environment in which all people in the Borough support equality and diversity, understand and appreciate the differences between individuals and communities.
 - (d) Raising the profile of all six equality strands.
- (iiii) There will be a photo shoot opportunity during and after the event.