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“We Remember”

Members of all faiths, cultures and political affiliations will come together on Friday 29th January 2010 to remember the victims and honour the survivors of state sponsored hatred in Nazi – occupied Europe, in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur at a commemoration ceremony at Dudley College, The Broadway Campus, Dudley from 1.00pm – 2.30pm.

In inviting the audience to a moment of silence Rev Paul Nzacahayo, a local Methodist Church minister will say:

“Genocide does not just happen. It starts when we no longer celebrate and respect the differences between us. The Holocaust and subsequent genocides are the result of extreme exclusion – where a state sponsored campaign of persecution and hatred is unchecked by ordinary people.”

Mushtaq Hussain said;

“The evils of prejudice, discrimination and intolerance continue to exist in Britain. We categorise, stereotype, discriminate, exclude, bully, persecute, attack – because of race, religion, disability, gender, age and sexuality. We damage and are damaged, as a result of our refusal to accept our common humanity. This commemoration ceremony acts as a reminder to all of us of our responsibility to protect the civil and human rights of all people in our society and across the world.”

Young people from different communities will also be reading out a statement of commitment inviting the audience to commit to strengthening our efforts to promote education and research about the Holocaust and other genocide as part of our responsibility to tackle exclusion and racism.

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

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---NOTES FOR EDITORS---

- (i) CfED is a company limited by guarantee (5745005) and a registered charity 1114821)
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) There will be a photo shoot opportunity during and after the event.