



Foundation Stones


United Kingdom
Holocaust Memorial
Foundation

Paint a stone for our new national Memorial to remember the Holocaust

You are invited to paint a stone to become part of a new national memorial in London.

A memorial is a building or statue that remembers something that has happened in the past.

The memorial is going to be built to remember the six million Jewish men, women and children who were murdered in the Holocaust.

The Holocaust is the word for the mass murder of Jewish people by the Nazis during the Second World War.

The Nazis also killed people from many other groups because of who they were, what they believed or who they loved. The Memorial will also remember them too.

Here is a picture of the planned Memorial in London where your painted stone will end up.



Why stones are an important symbol

When Jewish people visit the graves of loved ones, they place small stones on the headstones or on the grave itself to show that the person is remembered. This is a Jewish custom.

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Now take part

Find a small stone that fits in the palm of your hand.

Use decorating materials that you can find at home. These could be felt tips, paints or even nail varnish.

Think about what you want to write or draw on your stone. Your stone is your own personal way of remembering.

Think about some of the symbols you could use to represent the different groups of people who were murdered by the Nazis. For example, the Star of David is a symbol of the Jewish faith.

Think about a future free from all forms of hatred and where everybody is accepted for being who they are. Images of beauty and life such as birds, flowers, hearts and faces all send a positive message.

You could even choose to write words on your stone. Words such as 'peace' and 'remember' are powerful ones. It's up to you. Every stone is different.

What next?

Now you have decorated your stone. Ask your adult to help you post it to address below. By doing this it will become part of the Memorial when it is built.

Please post to: Big Ideas, Unit 1, 465C Hornsey Road, London N19 4DR



Ask an adult to take a picture of your stone. They can share it with the Foundation Stones project by scanning this WhatsApp QR code using the camera on their phone. Please ask them to include the name of your school so your school can get a certificate for taking part.

Thank you for taking part in Foundation Stones. Your stone will join thousands of others in London as part of the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre.

When the memorial is built, you will always be able to say that your stone is there, and you helped to make it.