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# Annual Report 2021

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# Trustees and other information

Trustees:	Thomas O'Dowd (Chairperson) Melanie Brown Caryna Camerino Anastasia Crickley Robert Gerwarth Lynn Jackson Kevin McCarthy Gwendolen Morgan Carl Nelkin
Chairperson:	Dr. Thomas O'Dowd
Acting Treasurer:	Julian Caplin
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Auditors:	Michael Sargent & Company, 12 Northbrook Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.
Bankers:	AIB Bank, 9 Terenure Road East, Rathgar, Dublin 6, Do6 F512.
Solicitors:	Matheson, 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Do2 R296.



### International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)

In 2011, Ireland became a full member of IHRA, an international inter-governmental body, committing the Irish government to commemorating the Holocaust and teaching about it. Two members of Holocaust Education Ireland are permanent members of the Irish Delegation.

# Introduction

Holocaust Education Ireland is an independent and non-profit charity. The organisation has a Board of volunteer Trustees, who are responsible for decisions concerning project management, fundraising and administration. In designing, facilitating and supporting educational and cultural programmes, Holocaust Education Ireland works in partnership with schools, colleges, third level and other centres of education, youth groups, intercultural bodies, and those working in the Arts. Holocaust Education Ireland cooperates closely with experts and international organisations promoting Holocaust education, awareness and remembrance. It welcomes submissions and input from those interested in supporting Holocaust education and in redressing discrimination and racism.

The Trust seeks funding from government departments, cultural bodies, corporate sponsors, religious bodies, philanthropic organisations, and private individuals. Further details are available on our website: www.holocausteducationireland.org

# Message from the Chairperson

The fear and uncertainty which prevailed in 1930s Europe,

The Holocaust was unprecedented in history. It was the attempt by Nazi Germany to destroy the Jewish people of Europe, their history and their culture, and to murder other peoples because of their ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs. Individuals, groups and governments made choices that legalised discrimination and allowed prejudice and hatred to flourish. This would ultimately justify and facilitate mass murder.

nurtured the extremes which unleashed the cataclysmic disaster on the world that was the Holocaust. It was not something that emerged spontaneously, it was the result of seeds sown over many years. Those who perpetrated the Holocaust

it was the result of seeds sown over many years. Those who perpetrated the Holocaust were, like their victims, ordinary men and women. Yet, given fertile ground for hatred, they became killers and the world became a dangerous place.

Today, in our fast-moving world, we are mindful of the surge in 'misinformation'. We are experiencing an increase in antisemitism and a prevalence of denial and distortion of the Holocaust. With few Holocaust survivors left to carry the burden of memory, it becomes even more important to educate generations now living.

Through its educational programmes, Holocaust Education Ireland seeks to promote understanding of current issues, seeking to challenge antisemitism and other forms of prejudice and intolerance. We teach about the dangers of bigotry, stereotyping and discrimination and we encourage respect and acceptance for all people.

Our vigilance and determination to fight hatred and fear wherever they emerge, will strengthen our resolve that the Holocaust cannot, and must not be repeated.

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Dr. Thomas O'Dowd, Chairperson, Holocaust Education Ireland.



# Remembrance

# Public awareness and outreach education

# Holocaust Memorial Day

Remembering, commemorating and educating for the future. The national Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration takes place on the Sunday nearest to the 27 January every year. The ceremony cherishes the memory of all of the people who perished in the Holocaust and includes: survivors' testimony, the Scroll of Names, readings, candle lighting and music. Commemorative booklets are



produced each year and distributed to attendees and to schools and libraries throughout Ireland. The commemoration is organised under the auspices of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and Dublin City Council. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the national commemoration was available to view online.

## **Online lectures**

In 2021, Holocaust Education Ireland organised a number of online lectures and events on zoom. Sir Richard Evans delivered the Annual Memorial Lecture 'The Hitler Conspiracies' to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Michael Fleming delivered the annual lecture 'Poland and the Holocaust: The Search for Justice' to mark the anniversary of the November Pogrom.

# **Teacher Education**

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, in-person teaching and learning went online. Lectures, webinars and special topic learning was integrated into online formats which proved very successful and elicited a strong uptake and response to the programmes. The Certificate in Holocaust Education was suspended during the COVID-19 restrictions. It is intended that this programme and its associated study visits will be reinstated in 2022.

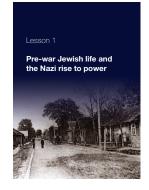
# **The Holocaust Narrative**



An online webinar held in association with the Education Support Centres Ireland (ESCI), this 2-hour CPD illustrated visual presentation gives an overview of the development of the Holocaust before, during and after the Second World War. This interdisciplinary programme is designed to give participants an understanding of the complexity of the Holocaust and how to teach it in the classroom.

## **Transition Year Module in Holocaust Studies**

In 2021, Holocaust Education Ireland launched the online Transition Year Module in Holocaust Studies supported by the Department of Education and the National Centre for Curriculum Assessment. The comprehensive online programme consists of ten topics supported by resources, handouts, lesson plans, images and survivor testimonies.



# **Programmes for schools**

# **Survivor testimony**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Holocaust Education Ireland moved the 'Hearing a Holocaust Survivor Speak programme' online. Tomi Reichental reaches an average of 200 students weekly by Zoom. Many schools are able to join and participate in hearing Tomi tell his story. Holocaust Education Ireland provides advice and guidance to help schools and students prepare for the event. Each



student receives a Holocaust Memorial Day commemorative booklet which serves as a learning resource and one they can take home and share with their families.

# The Crocus Project



The Crocus Project is an Irish initiative whereby Holocaust Education Ireland provides yellow crocus bulbs to participating schools to plant in memory of all of the children who died in the Holocaust, the one and a half million Jewish children as well as thousands of other children who were victims of Nazi atrocities. The yellow flowers recall the yellow Stars of David that all Jews were forced to wear under Nazi rule. Participating schools also receive

a complimentary teacher's handbook which includes lesson plans, activities, booklist and posters. The handbook is available in English and as Gaeilge. The project is a conduit for teaching young children about the Holocaust, prompting discussion about the dangers of discrimination and the importance of tolerance and respect for everyone. In 2021, over 500 schools across the island of Ireland participated in The Crocus Project and Mrs. Sabina Higgins planted a crocus garden in Áras an Uachtaráin.

# The Mary Elmes Prize in Holocaust Studies for Transition Year students

Holocaust Education Ireland invites Transition Year students to complete a history essay or an artistic response (art, music or literature) about the Holocaust, inspired by Mary Elmes and her story. In 2021 there were over 30 entries across all disciplines and this number is expected to increase year on year. All prize winners receive a certificate, lapel pin, and book token. First prize winners also receive an engraved trophy and are invited to read at the annual Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration. The Mary Elmes Prize in Holocaust Studies is run in association with the History Teachers' Association of Ireland (HTAI).

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# The Board of Holocaust Education Ireland



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Anastasia Crickley



Kevin McCarthy



Melanie Brown



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Gwendolen Morgan



Caryna Camerino



Lynn Jackson



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# Treasurer's Report

The financial results of Holocaust Education Ireland's activities for the year ended 31st December 2020 are on pages 9-12. The detailed Income and Expenditure Account is set out on page 7. The trustees are particularly grateful for the grants received from the Department of Education that enabled the trust to carry out its educational work, and for the grant from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for enabling the organisation of the national Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration and other related remembrance programmes.

We acknowledge the support of other generous benefactors, some of whom made significant donations, and all those who gave financial gifts towards the work of Holocaust Education Ireland. As we have previously reported, the trust is totally dependent on the continuing help of all our donors and grant providers to enable it to carry out the different elements of its increasing activities.

We wish to remind potential donors that Holocaust Education Ireland has received charitable status under Section 41 of the 2001 Finance Act, from the Irish Revenue Commissioners. This means that, subject to certain conditions, tax relief on donations in excess of €250, depending on whether the donation is made by a PAYE taxpayer, an individual on self-assessment, or by a company are eligible for tax deduction by the donors.

# **Income and Expenditure Accounts**

for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Continuing Operations		
	2021	2020 Restated
Income	241,630	241,406
Expenditure	201,746	259,136
Surplus/deficit on ordinary activities before interes	st 39,884	17,730
Other interest receivable and similar income	2	8
Tax on surplus/deficit on ordinary activities	-	-
Retained surplus/deficit for the year	39,884	(17,730)

Signed

I Juastana Crickley

Thomas O'Dowd

Anastasia Crickley

Complete details of these financial statements are available on the Holocaust Education Ireland website: www.holocausteducationireland.org

An extract from these statements (pages 7–12) are included here:

## HOLOCAUST EDUCATION TRUST IRELAND

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		Continuing operations		
		2020	2019	
	Notes	€	€	
Income		235,218	389,162	
Expenditure		(259,136)	(401,901)	
(Deficit) on ordinary activities before interest		(23,918)	(12,739)	
Other interest receivable and similar income	4	8	7	
(Deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation		(23,910)	(12,732)	
Tax on (deficit) on ordinary activities	6			
(Deficit) for the year	11	(23,910)	(12,732)	

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus or deficit for the above two financial years.

On behalf of the board

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Trustee

## HOLOCAUST EDUCATION TRUST IRELAND

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	2020		2019		
	Notes	€	€	€	€
Current assets					
Debtors	8	3,037		2,100	
Cash at bank and in hand		255,663		294,595	
		258,700		296,695	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	9	(75,790)		(89,875)	
Net current assets			182,910	3	206,820
Net assets		54 m	182,910		206,820
Represented by:					
Profit and loss account	11		182,910		206,820
Equity shareholders' funds			182,910		206,820

On behalf of the board Kein Truštee

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Date: 26th October 2021

Trustee

#### HOLOCAUST EDUCATION TRUST IRELAND

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

#### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

#### **1.1.** Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in compliance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"). The financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements of the Charity are presented in Euro which is also the functional currency of the Charity. The Charity are of the opinion that there are no critical judgements (other than those involving estimates) that have a significant impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### 1.2. Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

#### 1.3. Income

The income of the trust is accounted for on a receipts basis with the exception of grants, one-off income and expenditure which are accounted for on a matching accruals basis.

2.	Operating (deficit)	2020	2019
	Operating (deficit) is stated after charging:	€	€
	Auditors' remuneration	2,712	2,583
3.	Operating (deficit)	2020	2019
		€	£
	Operating (deficit) is stated after grant receipts:		
	Department of Justice and Equality (see note 10)	70,000	70,000
	Department of Education and Skills (see note 10)	148000	156,829
	Europe for Citizens Programme (see note 10)	07	108,059
	Other grants (see note 10)	9,000	22,178
		227,000	357,066

### HOLOCAUST EDUCATION TRUST IRELAND

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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4.	Interest receivable and similar income	2020 €	2019 €
	Bank interest	8	7
5.	Employees		
	Employment costs	2020	2019
		€	€
	Wages and salaries	121,920	137560
	Pensions	3,500	7700
	Social welfare costs	5,884	15,205
		131,304	160,465
	Analysed as follows:		
	Wages and salaries	127,804	152,765
	Other pension costs	3,500	7,700
		131,304	160,465
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	Number of employees		
	The average monthly numbers of employees during the year were:		
		2020	2019
		Number	Number
	Administration	3	3

#### 6. Taxation

No provision for taxation has been made due to the fact that the trust does not carry on a taxable activity.

### HOLOCAUST EDUCATION TRUST IRELAND

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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7.	Tangible fixed assets	Office equipment €	Total €
	Cost At 1st January 2020	6,684	6,684
		-	
	At 31st December 2020	6,684	6,684
	Depreciation At 1st January 2020 Charge for the year	6,684 -	6,684
	At 31st December 2020	6,684	6,684
	Net book values At 31st December 2020	-	
	At 31st December 2019		-
8.	Debtors	2020 €	2019 €
	Sundry debtors	937	
	Prepayments and accrued income	2,100	2,100
		3,037	2,100
9.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
		€	€
	Trade creditors	24	10,821
	Other taxes and social welfare costs	623	2,897
	Other creditors	310	1,324
	Accruals and deferred income	74,833	74,833
		75,790	89,875

#### HOLOCAUST EDUCATION TRUST IRELAND

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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#### 10. Grants

#### **Department of Education and Skills**

Grant revenue from the Department of Education and Skills was recognised in the accounts during the year, this was a grant for Holocaust education. The nature of this grant was for the benefit of Holocaust education to the amount of €148,000. This grant related to the calendar year 2020.

#### **Department of Justice and Equality**

Grant revenue from the Department of Justice and Equality was recognised in the accounts during the year of €70,000. This relates to the Holocaust Memorial day 2020.

#### **Other Grants**

Grant revenue to the amount of €9,000 was received from the Dublin Maccabi Trust and recognised in the accounts during the year.

11.	Equity Reserves	Income and expenditure	
		account	Total
		€	€
	At 1st January 2020	206,820	206,820
	(Deficit) for the year	(23,910)	(23,910)
	At 31st December 2020	182,910	182,910

#### 12. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26th October 2021.

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# THE FOLLOWING PAGES DO NOT FORM PART OF THE STATUTORY ACCOUNTS OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### HOLOCAUST EDUCATION TRUST IRELAND

## DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019	
	€	€	€	€
Income				
Donations and Sponsors	6,803		10,496	
Grants	227,000		357,066	
Teacher Education Programmes	1,415		21,600	
Interest	8		7	
		235,226		389,169
Expenditure		255,220		569,109
Wages and Salaries	121,920		137,560	
Employer's PRSI contributions	5,884		15,205	
Staff pension costs	3,500		7,700	
Rent	22,350		26,200	
Outreach Education	2,309		32,996	
Insurance	705		705	
Crocus Project	15,451		60,454	
Rethink project	15,451		200	
Teacher Education Programmes	13,970		53,594	
Printing, Publications, Postage & Stationery	1,043		3,000	
Event Expenses	45,561		46,753	
Computer & IT costs	340		1,298	
Legal and professional	17,425		1,290	
Audit	2,712		2,583	
Bank Charges	159		442	
Sundry Office Expenses	5,807		13,211	
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		(259,136)		(401,901)
(Deficit) for the year		(23,910)		(12,732)
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