

Press Release



Fermanagh District Council

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More Holocaust Survivors to Tell their Stories

Every January, for the past few years, Fermanagh County Museum has hosted Holocaust Commemoration events. On each occasion, groups and individuals have flocked to the Museum to listen to a survivor tell their story.

This year, for the first time, two Holocaust survivors will come to Enniskillen to recount their harrowing tales of surviving Nazi cruelty and genocide.

Both speakers are amongst the youngest survivors of the Holocaust. Eva Clarke was born on a train travelling from Auschwitz to another concentration camp in 1945. Joanna Millan was not yet three years old when she was liberated from Terezin, a concentration camp located 50 miles from Prague.

Speaking about why so many people are interested in hearing the story first hand from a Holocaust survivor, Catherine Scott, Learning & Access Officer, Fermanagh County Museum said:

***“People come to these talks each year because of the power and impact of the individual stories. A survivor can remember, can recall how he or she felt during the Holocaust. The personal histories help people begin to understand the enormity of it.*”**

Talks given by Holocaust survivors have always been full at the Museum. I think people realise that each year, the number of survivors able to bear witness to the horrors of the Holocaust declines. The importance of survivor testimony cannot be over-emphasised.

The theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Events is Stand up to Hatred.

The following events will be taking place:

Tuesday 20 January, Eva Clarke - Holocaust Survivor. Time: 10am

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Wednesday 21 January, Eva Clarke - Holocaust Survivor. Time: 10am

Tuesday 27 January, Joanna Millan - Holocaust Survivor. Time: 10am

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Wednesday 28 January, Joanna Millan - Holocaust Survivor. Time: 10am

Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated on 27th January each year. This date marks the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. The day provides us with an opportunity not only to remember the past but to reflect on the continued relevance of the Holocaust in today's world, reminding us of the horrors of Rwanda and Kosovo.

Prior booking is essential, please contact Catherine Scott at 028 6632 5000 from NI or 048 6632 5000 from ROI to make a booking.

Support for the event has been received from the Community Relations Unit (OFMDFM) and Fermanagh District Council.

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