



The Holocaust Educational Trust

Lessons from Auschwitz Project

The Holocaust Educational Trust is announcing the national launch of its groundbreaking *Lessons from Auschwitz Project*. The Project gives students an extraordinary educational experience through visiting the Nazi extermination and concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a chance to talk to Holocaust Survivors, and sharing their responses to the course with their peers.

We are delighted to offer this remarkable opportunity to 200 sixth formers on each of our one-day visits to the former Nazi extermination and concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The visits are preceded and followed by half day seminars in the schools and colleges.

We have four courses planned for March, April and May 2007 targeting various regions of the UK with a further eight in the second half of the year. The *Lessons from Auschwitz Project* will cover every school and college in the UK and take over 8,500 students during the next 3 years.

What is The Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz Project?

The Holocaust Educational Trust's *Lessons from Auschwitz Project* is now in its eighth year having already taken nearly 4,000 students and teachers on this innovative course which is based on the premise that '*hearing is not the same as seeing*'. As a direct result of the visits and seminars, students have gone on to set up genocide prevention groups, created Holocaust memorials in their schools and communities and become involved in numerous anti-racism initiatives. Compulsory follow up activities have also focused around issues of anti-social behaviour, bullying and racism in schools and local communities.

Why your school should be involved?

The LFA Project aims to increase knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust and to clearly highlight what can happen if prejudice and racism become acceptable. The course leaves an unforgettable educational and emotional mark on the students and all who take part. For many participants it is a life changing experience.

How your school can get involved

The Trust will be sending flyers and application forms to secondary schools targeting regions across the UK informing them about the visits and giving them the opportunity to participate. Suggestions are offered to schools on how to choose the two participants

from their sixth form including short presentations to a judging panel, interviews by the co-ordinating teacher and essay writing. Students who are studying any post 16 course are encouraged to apply and not just those studying history. In the past the project has also attracted students from Religious Studies, Citizenship, English, and PSHE. A prerequisite of students attending the course is carrying out follow up activities within their schools and local communities regarding lessons learnt from the visit. This includes wider education about the Holocaust, genocide, racism and even bullying and anti-social behaviour in the playground.

Next Steps

The cost per participant is £99. We are able to keep the cost down due to substantial subsidising from the Holocaust Educational Trust and a recent government grant. We are inviting two students from every sixth form. The orientation seminar is Sunday 29th April, the visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau on Wednesday 9th May and follow-up seminar on Thursday 17th May.

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