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Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January each year, marking the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

This year's theme:

Be the light in the darkness



Wirral Borough Council HMD event © Paul Frost

We're now going to briefly look at the period of darkness...

Nazi persecution of Jewish people: Stage 1 discrimination



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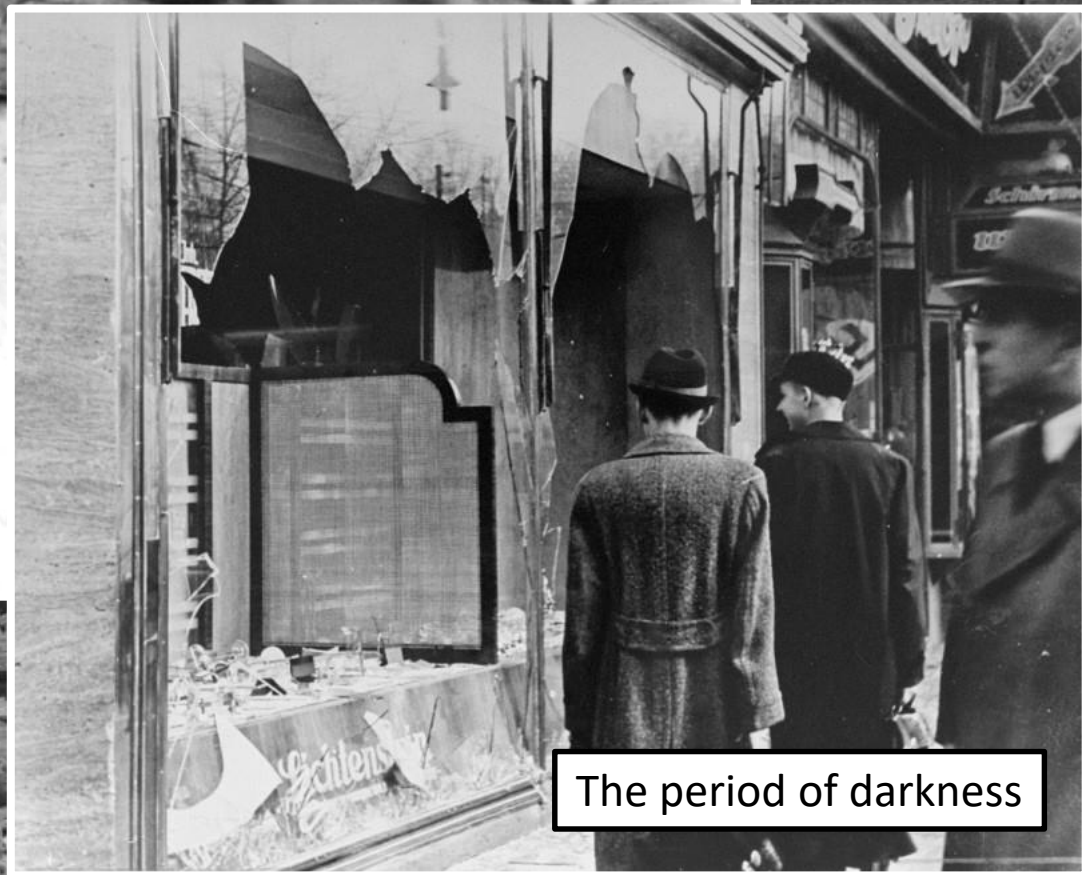
Stage 2 Violence

30,000



91

250



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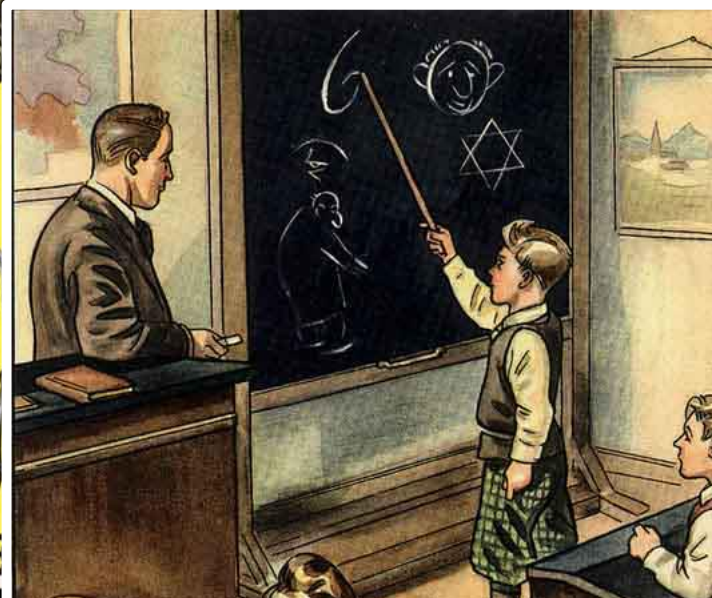
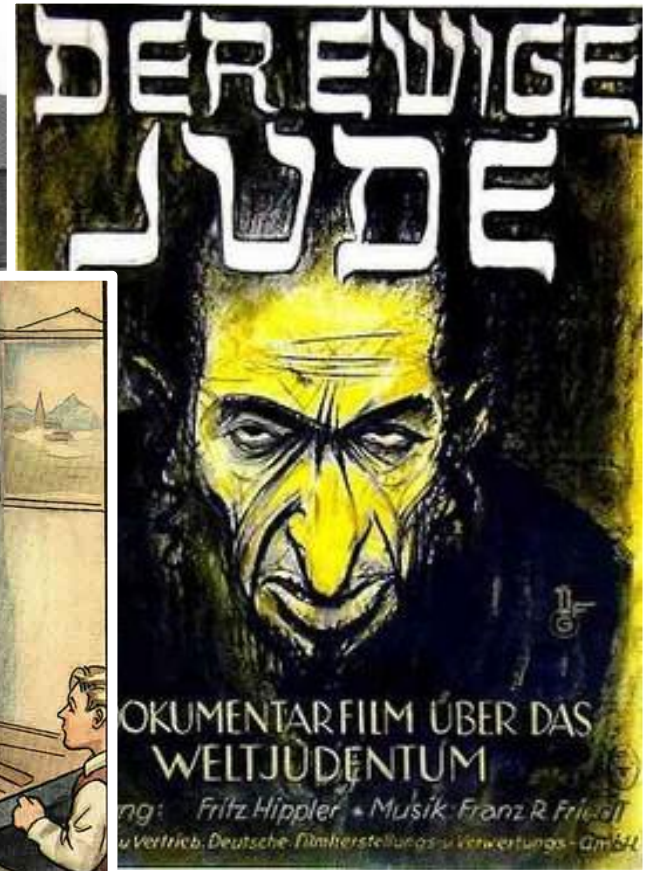
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Stage 3: The 'Final Solution'

What led to the darkness?

Anti-Semitic propaganda



'I made a promise to a girl in Auschwitz - to make young people aware of the dangers that the dehumanisation, denigration and differentiation of people can lead to.'

Iby Knill, Holocaust survivor

Despite the introduction of these policies, **examples can be found of inspiring individuals who assisted, rescued or showed solidarity with those who were being persecuted in their communities and countries**



Moshe and Gabriela Mandil and their children Gavra and Irena fled their home in Yugoslavia when the Germans invaded in April 1941, and made their way to Albania.



There they were taken in and hidden by an Albanian Muslim family called the Veselis. Many Jews who made their way to Albania were welcomed and sheltered in this way.

The light in the darkness



Be the light in the darkness: student resistance

'We will not be silent. We are your bad conscience. The White Rose will not leave you in peace!'

White Rose members writing to fellow German university students



A whole town resists in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon

- An entire community became involved in hiding Jewish people
- From December 1940 to September 1944, the inhabitants of the French village provided refuge for an estimated 5,000 people (including 3000 Jewish people)



Nicholas Winton



Nicholas Winton saved 669 children from the Holocaust



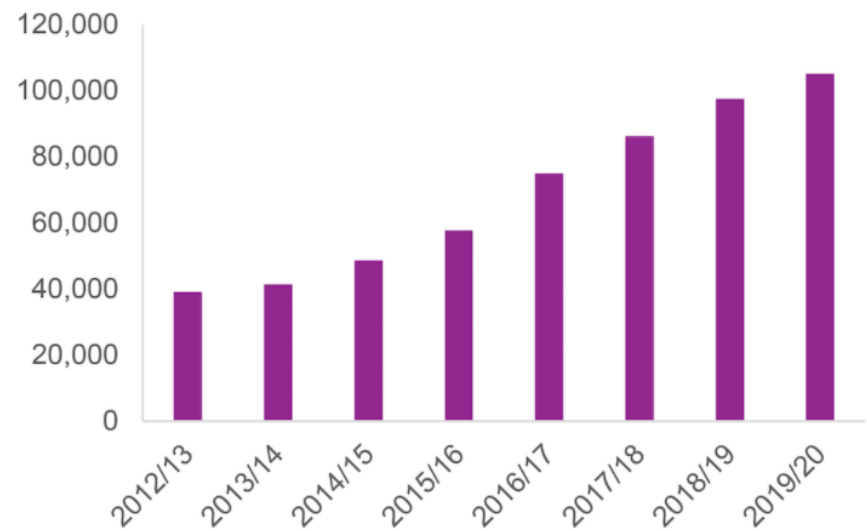
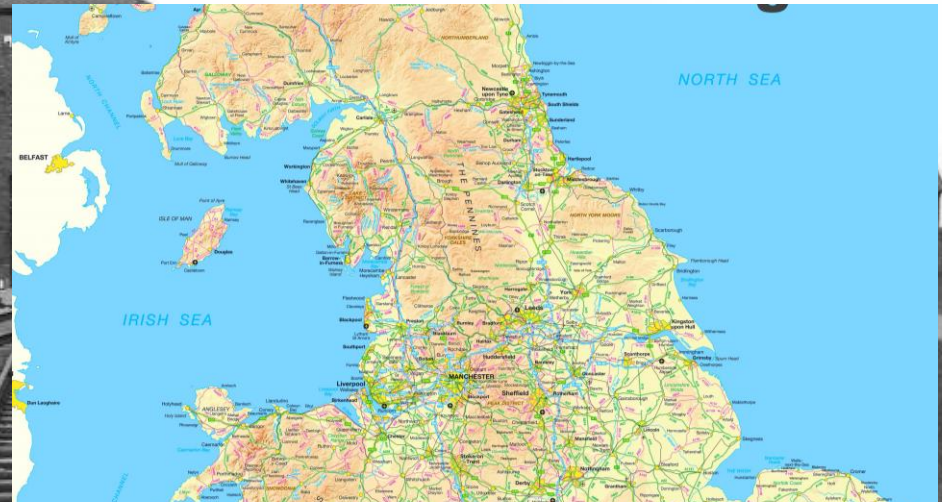
Nicholas with some of these children in 1988

'Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good.'

Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe

How does this apply to you?

- In year ending March 2020, there **were 105,090 hate crimes recorded by the police** in England and Wales – an increase of 8 per cent compared with year ending March 2019
- A hate crime is one that is motivated by hostility or prejudice towards a person based on their race or ethnicity, their religion or beliefs, their sexual orientation, whether they have a disability or their transgender identity.
- This continues a trend of increasing numbers of offenses recorded in recent years. It has risen every year since 2012



An important final message...



An extract from Anne Frank's diary:

'How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we **can start now, start slowly changing the world!** How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make their contribution towards introducing justice straight away...and **you can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness**'