

First Minister remembers victims of Holocaust at service

The national service for Wales, which will be held on Monday 29 January at City Hall, Cardiff will be hosted by the First Minister and the Leader of Cardiff Council Cllr Huw Thomas and led by the Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk.

The congregation will hear of first hand experiences from Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines MBE, who was one of the children to be saved from the Holocaust on the last Winton train in 1939. They will also hear from Dr Mukesh Kapila CBE, who was part of the first British team to go to Rwanda after the genocide and also worked in Bosnia where he witnessed the aftermath of the genocide in Srebrenica.

Eluned Anderson and Daniel Rees from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr will also talk about their work as Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors which gives pupils from every school and college in Wales the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau and speak to a Holocaust Survivor.

First Minister Carwyn Jones said:

“I am proud to stand alongside the rest of the world to honour those who faced the most horrendous atrocities ever known.

“Today is an important opportunity to reflect on the way we live our lives today and challenge hatred and persecution that sadly still exists. It is our duty to keep the memory of those who died alive, and ensure such atrocities are never repeated again.”

Leader of Cardiff Council, Cllr Huw Thomas, said:

“Cardiff has a proud tradition as a welcoming city, a city open to people of all faiths and races. It’s important we remember those that died at the hands of the Nazis in the Holocaust and of course the other genocides which have happened across the world. Today we have a shared responsibility as human beings to fight these evils and to do what we can to stop them ever happening again.”

Representatives from Organisations including Race Equality First, Interfaith Council of Wales and various members of the Jewish Community will be in attendance at the service