



Happy New Year! We hope you have had a great Christmas period and that you are staying safe and warm this January. Our Christmas was rather busy with the number of reports we received increasing by 50% compared with this time last year. An increase in reports of hate crime and discrimination is not necessarily a bad thing; we think it is positive that people are finding the courage to speak out and take a stand against hate.

This edition of *Omnibus* is in support of **Holocaust Memorial Day**, 27th January. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust www.hmd.org.uk work tirelessly to ensure that the murders of millions of people are not forgotten and not repeated. Throughout this edition there are reminders of the major genocides of recent history.

What difference can **ONE** person make?

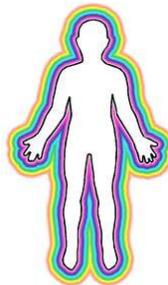
We are often asked this question when we work with young people and community groups. As well as suggesting that people support organisations such as [Amnesty International](http://www.amnesty.org) and events for Holocaust Memorial Day we try and give answers from wiser people than us...

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

[Edmund Burke](#) Author and Philosopher

“Remember, the change you want to see in the world, and in your school, begins with you.”

Joseph Clementi – Father of [Tyler Clementi](#)



“I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”

[Elie Wiesel](#) Survivor of the Holocaust

“What can one person do? You make friends of course and do what you can.”

[Daoud Hari](#) Refugee and Author

“Somebody had to make a start. What we wrote and said is also believed by many others. They just don't dare express themselves as we did.”

[Sophie Scholl](#) Member of [White Rose](#) non-violent resistance group

In the 1990s Bosnian Serbs deported and executed ethnic minorities, killing over 75,000 men and boys in just 4 days.

1,000 miles of history

Staffordshire's MP Jeremy Lefroy is due to travel over 1,000 miles to visit the former Nazi extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau next month. As part of the [Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons Learnt from Auschwitz Project](#) Jeremy will attend various seminars about the Holocaust and then travel to Poland along with 2 sixth form students from local schools. This project is heavily subsidised by the Government and is an excellent way to bring the message of this dark period in human history home to the next generation.



Auschwitz-Birkenau November 2005

How did it come to this?

Why is the history of genocides so significant to CACH and the work we do? Every bit of discrimination or bullying starts in the same place – if it isn't dealt with at the earliest point, genocide can become the result. This sounds very dramatic but history has witnessed it time and time again:



1 Classification

The differences between people are identified and not respected. A division between 'us' and 'them' occurs. This can happen through name calling or excluding people who are perceived to be different.

2 Symbolisation

This is a visual manifestation of the difference. Jews in Nazi Europe were forced to wear yellow stars to show that they were 'different'.

3 Dehumanisation

Those who are perceived as 'different' are treated without any form of human rights or dignity. During the [Rwandan genocide](#) Tutsis were referred to as 'cockroaches' and the Nazis referred to Jews as 'vermin'.

4 Organisation

Genocides are always planned. Regimes of hatred often train those who are to carry out the destruction of a people to believe that what they are doing is right and just.

5 Polarisation

Propaganda begins to be spread by hate groups. The Nazis used the newspaper *Der Stürmer* to spread lies and messages of hate about Jewish people. In this day and age a Facebook 'hate group' can do the same thing.

6 Preparation

Victims are separated based on their differences. At the beginning of the [Cambodian genocide](#), the Khmer Rouge separated out those who lived in the cities and Jews in Nazi Europe were forced to live in ghettos.

7 Extermination

The hate group murders its identified victims in a deliberate and systematic campaign of violence. Millions of lives have been destroyed or changed beyond recognition through genocide.

8 Denial

The perpetrators or later generations deny the existence of any crime.

Based on Gregory Stanton's 8 Stages of Genocide

In the 1930s and 40s over 6,000,000 people were executed by the Nazi Party

CURRENT AFFAIRS



Should a single football player who wears branded underpants be fined 4 times more than a whole club is fined for their fans' racist chanting? The Telegraph looks at the fines given by football's European governing body over the last few years to try and discover its priorities:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/football/competitions/euro-2012/9339202/Nicklas-Bendtners-80000-fine-for-sponsored-underwear-exposes-Uefas-skewed-priorities.html#>

Stuart Lawrence, the brother of Stephen, lodges a complaint with the Police watchdog about a sustained campaign of harassment against him:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2013/jan/09/stuart-lawrence-racism-complaint-police>

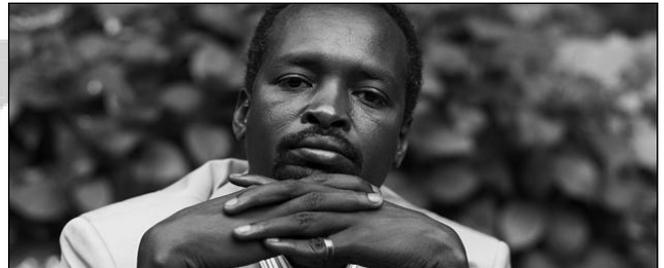
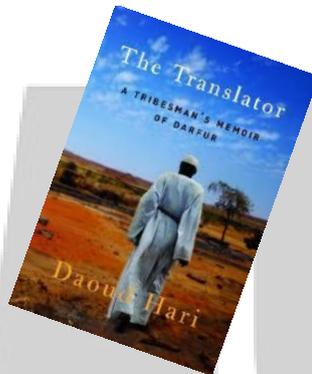
A new film is set to look at Turkish and Armenian relations and the early 20th century genocide that is not always recognised as such

<http://www.armradio.am/en/2013/01/19/new-film-explores-genocide-turkish-armenian-relations/>

The Communist regime of Khmer Rouge in Cambodia carried out the massacre of over 2,000,000 people

BOOK REVIEW

The Translator: a Tribesman's Memoir of Darfur
by
Daoud Hari



Daoud Hari

I often used to find when reading books about such things as war, famine and genocide that the situation was too alien to really relate to, as if the person writing was on a different plane to me. I sometimes felt the frustration pouring from the author; frustration that, regardless of how many times their words were read, it is the writer and the writer alone who really knows and feels the suffering and pain it took to write. The Translator: a Tribesman's Memoir of Darfur has changed my mind however.

Daoud Hari is a native Darfurian tribesman whose childhood memories are of racing camels and playing in the desert at night. This book relates his journey of straying from the expected path of his tribe to becoming a translator, firstly in refugee camps in Chad to eventually working with journalists and the BBC to ensure the story of Darfur reached the world. How he got from racing camels to playing such an integral role in raising the profile of Darfur's plight is a journey you should explore for yourself.

A slender tome of only 200 pages, this book, whilst containing harrowing details of the things Hari saw, heard and experienced, is interjected with his warmth and efforts to help people who have never been in such a situation to understand it. This is, whilst ultimately a tragic tale, also one of courage and strength. There are snippets of wisdom strewn throughout his words and they are words well worth reading.

"You have to be stronger than your fears if you want to get anything done in this life"

Daoud Hari – The Translator

The civil war in Sudan (of which Darfur is a part) has claimed the lives of approximately 400,000 people and has left more than 2.5million people without a home.

BEST PRACTICE

The discussion of racism in football is back so it is good to see some 6-a-side teams making a difference by getting the message of solidarity out there.

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/evolutionfc/events/holocaust-memorial-day-81498.html>

The Holocaust Educational Trust have made a film with the 2012 English Football Team about their trip to Auschwitz whilst they were in Poland for the 2012 European Championships.

<http://www.het.org.uk/index.php/education-general/footballers-remember>

Picturehouse Education, part of Picturehouse Cinemas, are putting on a series of events at various cinemas across the country. The sessions are 2 hours long and include documentary and film footage, drama and a talk from a survivor of the World War II Holocaust. Sadly there are not any Picturehouse Cinemas in Staffordshire but it would be great to see larger cinema chains get behind education the way Picturehouse does.

<http://picturehouseeducation.blogspot.co.uk/p/holocaust-memorial-day-uk-touring-events.html>

The *impact* of HATE

**It isn't just those who die who suffer these terrible genocides but also those who survive...
Safet Vukalic is a Bosnian Muslim and survivor of the ethnic cleansing in Bosnia.**

"I remember in May 1992 when the soldiers came – my mother made me hide but my brother and father left with them. We heard a gunshot in the street and found out later it was my neighbour who had been shot. I was only 16 at the time and this boy who they shot was only a few years older than me. It is so hard to talk about as I am still seeing those things in my head.

We heard that my father and brother were taken from concentration camp to concentration camp. We heard the terrible stories of all the killings there and I started to believe that I no longer had a Father.

Eventually my father was allowed to leave the camps, though only after signing over everything he owned and swearing to leave Bosnia for good.

People think 'Oh, it's fine now.' Well, to me, the only thing that's happened, there's no concentration camps, and the war has stopped. Still division exists; the country is divided, my town is in a part that's occupied by Serbs. I can't go to the home that my dad's built from the ground up.

I was a victim of all this. I was an innocent person. People are victims of crime innocently and it is helpful when you've got someone to understand where you're coming from and to say, I understand you. I am here to try and help you. It means a lot. Sometimes you might not be able to change anything, but at least I know that there is hope. Not everyone's the same."



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