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By email

Dear friend

For the past 5 years there has been an annual civic event in Rotherham to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. However, as I’m sure you are aware, because of the impact of Covid-19 we will be unable to host a large public event and will be producing a short film instead to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2021.

The national theme for this year ‘Be the Light in the Darkness’ is an affirmation and a call to action for everyone marking Holocaust Memorial Day. This theme asks everyone to consider different kinds of ‘darkness’, for example, identity-based persecution, misinformation, denial of justice; and different ways of ‘being the light’, for example, resistance, acts of solidarity, rescue and illuminating mistruths.

This year’s Holocaust Memorial Day is on Wednesday 27 January 2021 so at 12 noon on this day we will be launching the film on Rotherham Council’s social media pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/RotherhamCouncil>

[Rotherham Council (@RMBCPress) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/RMBCPress)

We will also send a follow up letter on Holocaust Memorial Day with a direct link to the film. Please help us to share the short film as widely as possible on this date.

Yours faithfully

Jenny Andrews

The Mayor of Rotherham

Councillor Jenny Andrews