Edinburgh University Students' Association Commemorates Holocaust Memorial Day

What will we do?
1. Edinburgh University Students’ Associations (EUSA) will recognise Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) on its official calendar.
2. EUSA will support the activities that take place on Holocaust Memorial Day, by coordinating with the Jewish Society and other relevant societies in terms of speakers, stalls and other activities.
3. EUSA will publicise the events surrounding Holocaust Memorial Day.
4. EUSA will light Teviot – and any other Students’ Association building possible – up purple every 27th January to raise awareness for Holocaust Memorial Day.

What is the background to this?
1. The Holocaust, the genocide perpetrated by Nazi Germany, killed 6 million Jews and 5 million other people including disabled and LGBTQ individuals, people of Roma descent and political opponents.
2. 27 January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.
3. Holocaust Memorial Day was created on 27 January 2000, when representatives from 46 governments around the world met in Stockholm to discuss Holocaust education, remembrance and research. At the end of this meeting, all attendees signed a declaration committing to preserving the memory of those who have been murdered in the Holocaust.
4. Holocaust Memorial Day has taken place in the UK since 2001, with a UK event and over 7,700 local activities taking place on or around 27 January each year.

What beliefs motivate the actions you propose?
1. Holocaust Memorial Day is an international day of commemoration of those who perished in the Holocaust.
2. With only a few years left when survivors will be able to tell their experiences first-hand, it is vital that as many students as possible are able to hear their testimonies.

Submitted with 20 Student Signatures