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Press Release

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS REMEMBERED AT CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE

A hard-hitting exhibition on genocide is helping staff and students at Cambridge Regional College mark this week's Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January.

Graphic scenes from the Nazis' persecution of the Jews during the Second World War, alongside news coverage of the Rwandan Genocide and the victims of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia have been put together by students.

The exhibition is part of a series of events in the College throughout the week to mark the 66th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazi concentration and extermination camp.



VTalent students Michael Toy and Matthew Hull, part of the team who worked on the exhibition along with Victoria Williams and Anton Delgado Rosas

Other activities include a discussion forum for staff, film screenings and documentaries put together by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.

Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke, who used to work at CRC, will also be telling her story to students and staff on 3 February. Eva was born in Mauthausen Concentration Camp in Austria on 29 April 1945, and survived with her mother – but 15 members of her family were killed in Auschwitz.

Penny Buckingham, Tutorial Manager at CRC, said the theme of the week was 'Untold Stories' and it was important for people to remember the Holocaust and genocide throughout the world.

"Students from our VTalent programme put the exhibition together as a focus for our remembrance in College and it is a stark message which helps us learn from the lessons of the past to create a safer, better future," she said.

Holocaust Memorial Day was established on 27 January 2000, when representatives from 44 governments around the world met in Stockholm to discuss Holocaust education, remembrance and research.

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has more than 4,000 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.