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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TO VISIT CRC FOR MEMORIAL DAY ON 27 JANUARY

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Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke will be visiting Cambridge Regional College this week to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January in an event organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

She will deliver a presentation to students before taking part in a question and answer session to explore the lessons of the Holocaust in more depth. The talk is part of a day of events in the College on Wednesday to mark Holocaust Day, including lighting a memorial candle in The Mall at 11am.

Eva, who used to work for CRC, travels the world telling her story and that of her family. Born in Mauthausen Concentration Camp, Austria, on 29 April 1945, she and her mother were the only survivors among their immediate relations. Fifteen members of Eva's family were killed in Auschwitz: three of her grandparents, her father, uncles, aunts and her seven year-old cousin, Peter.

This year's theme for Holocaust Memorial Day is 'The Legacy of Hope', encouraging young people to learn from survivors' experiences. It commemorates the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazi concentration and extermination camp.

Penny Buckingham, Tutorial Manager at Cambridge Regional College, said: “It is a privilege for us to welcome Eva to our college and her testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced. We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Eva’s testimony, it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives.”

Karen Pollock, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, added: “This year’s theme for Holocaust Memorial Day, ‘The Legacy of Hope’, highlights the importance of bearing witness to Holocaust survivors. Eva’s story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances and by hearing her testimony, Cambridge Regional College’s students will have the opportunity to learn where hate and racism can ultimately lead.”

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the Eastern Region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and around 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. It also has one of the largest Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The Holocaust Educational Trust was been closely involved in the establishment and development of Holocaust Memorial Day since its inception in 2000. Holocaust Memorial Day is now administered by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.

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