



THE Awards 2019 – Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community

Institution/Nominee	University of Huddersfield
Title	The Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre
Key personnel	Emma King, Director of the Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre; Professor Tim Thornton, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Huddersfield
URL	https://holocaustlearning.org.uk/
Submission	<p>The University of Huddersfield has worked with the Holocaust Survivors' Friendship Association (HSFA) to develop a Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre (HELC), fully open to the public, professionally staffed and located at the heart of its town centre campus.</p> <p>The £1.2 million cost was met by awards from the Heritage Lottery Fund plus foundations, firms, family trusts and philanthropists. The Centre opened in September 2018 and includes a display of artefacts, documents, photographs, testimony of Holocaust survivors and specially-created filmed segments.</p> <p>The HELC was conceived after the university and the HSFA collaborated on Holocaust Memorial Day lectures that have evolved into important communal events, stressing the continuing relevance of the Holocaust to present-day humanitarian crises.</p> <p>The Centre – which has so far been visited by more than 4,000 people – is marketed to schools throughout the North of England and is also an important academic resource.</p>