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The Crocus Project

The Crocus Project is intended for pupils aged eleven years and upwards. This project is now a perennial activity in Ireland with schools from all over the country participating in it every year. Other countries are also becoming involved and there are schools from Poland, Malta and other parts of Europe, the UK and the USA – all planting yellow crocus bulbs.

We would like to invite schools in your country to participate in The Crocus Project this year and in the future.

The Crocus Project is a tangible way to introduce young people to the subject of the Holocaust and to raise awareness about the dangers of discrimination, prejudice and intolerance.

The Holocaust Educational Trust of Ireland provides schools with yellow crocus bulbs to plant in autumn in memory of one and a half million Jewish children and thousands of other children who died in the Holocaust. The yellow flowers recall the yellow Stars of David that all Jews were forced to wear under Nazi rule.

The Crocus blooms at the end of January or beginning of February, around the time of international Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January). When people admire the flowers, the children can explain what they represent. In cold countries the bulbs can be planted indoors in bowls.

The Trust makes available guidelines and information which may be of assistance to teachers during this activity. These resources complement existing material on racism and interculturalism. The children's involvement in planting the bulbs and watching the flowers grow, encourages ongoing learning about the importance of tolerance and respect.

We hope you will find The Crocus Project an activity you will wish to pursue in your country and that we shall have the pleasure of including the names of participating schools permanently on our list of schools involved in Ireland and the rest of Europe.

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