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REMEMBERING SREBRENICA

11th July is the European day for **Remembering Srebrenica,** where schools, community groups and faith communities spend time remembering and learning about the biggest genocide in Europe since WW2, before pledging to help reduce hate and intolerance.

For presentations, prayers, testimonies, faith information, events and background information, please scroll through the resources at:

https://srebrenica.org.uk/organise-a-memorial-event

An event, activity, talk or action will support your community to

- **celebrate diversity**
- **challenge stereotyping and racism**
- **raise awareness of human rights**
- **promote peace and conflict resolution**

Please let us know if you are planning anything at www.srebrenica.org.uk

In 2022, Wirral Deen Centre and Wirral NEU coordinated an enormous exhibition, draping and displaying 8372 white paper flowers at Birkenhead Central Library from 1st-31st July, one for each Muslim boy or man who was executed on or around 11th July 1995. Read on for more information about the genocide and how to organise your own local 8372 Flower Exhibition….

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Never again is not enough.....

The name Srebrenica has become synonymous with those dark days in July 1995 when, in the first ever United Nations declared safe area, thousands of men and boys were systematically murdered and buried in mass graves.

The war that led to the Srebrenica massacre has its roots in the decade that followed the death of Yugoslavian President Tito, in 1980. Nationalist politicians stepped into the power vacuum and stoked up nationalist and divisive politics along ethnic and religious lines, building fear and prejudice that spilled into a war that culminated in genocide.

28 years on, Remembering Srebrenica commits to using the lessons of Srebrenica to tackle hatred and intolerance to help build a better, safer and more cohesive society for everyone. The theme for 2022 is Combatting Denial, Challenging Hate.
We recognise that discrimination, promotion of hatred, extremism and exclusion persist, and we must play our part, no matter how large or small, to create a better and safer society for all.

The genocide in Srebrenica stands as a lesson that to create a safe society we must do our part to prevent discrimination, promotion of hatred, extremism, and exclusion. This is what it means to remember Srebrenica. It is a lesson more relevant than ever as populist movements continue to rise.

_____ (insert name of organisation here) warmly invites you and your workplace or organisation to remember, learn and pledge by contributing to the _____ 8372 Flower Exhibition. Simply:

1. **print copies of the flower template sheet attached**
2. **cut out each flower**
3. **colour/paint the middle of each flower dark green**
4. **email ..... to arrange drop-off or collection of your flowers during June**

If 80 organisations or groups could make 100 flowers each we will get there!
All contributing organisations will be acknowledged publicly.

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The 11 petals represent 11th July: white petals for innocence, green floral disc for hope. It also depicts a victim's burial: casket draped in green surrounded by mourners in white.

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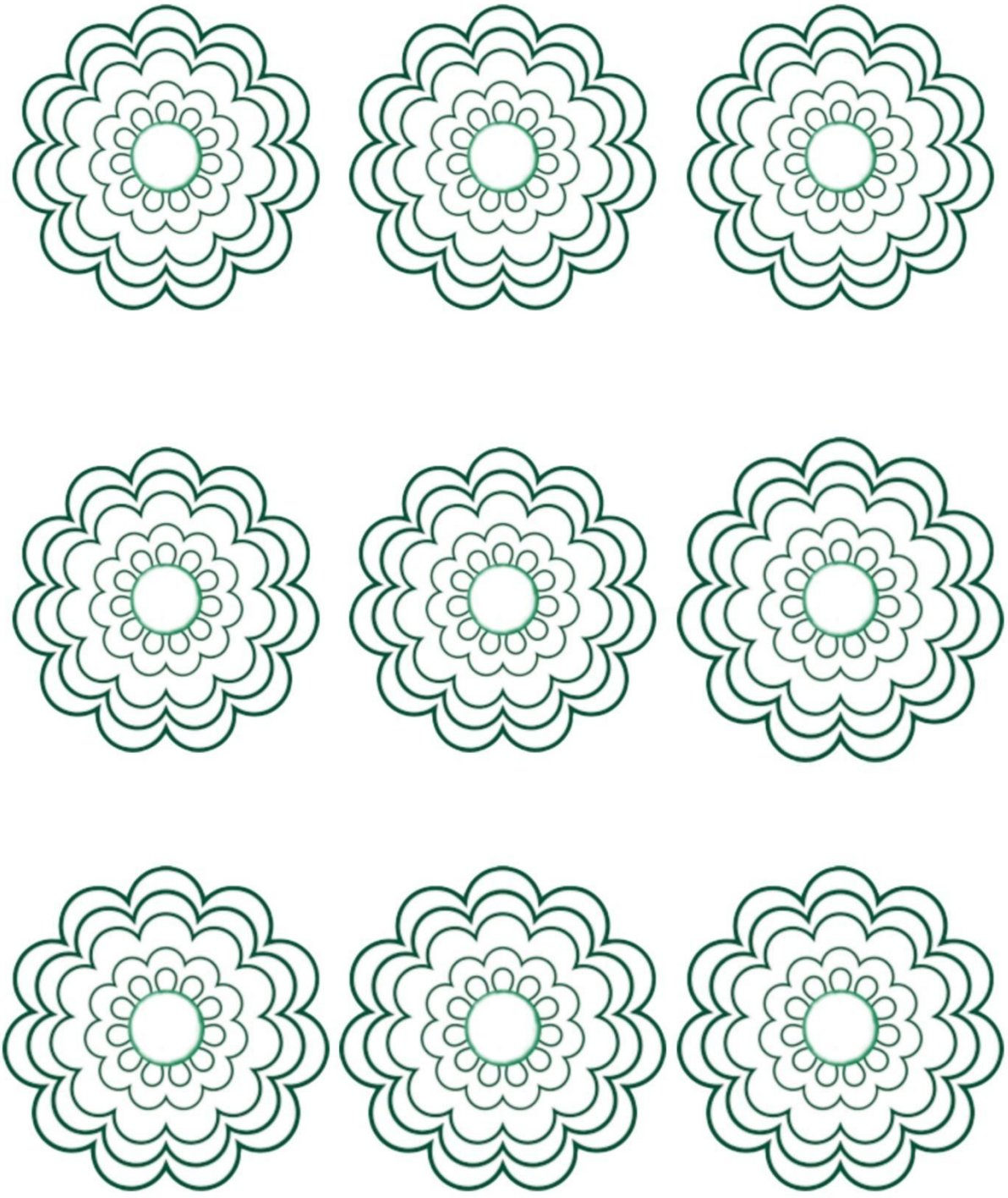
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