Covid Commemoration Consultation

Introduction

The UK Commission on Covid Commemoration has launched an online consultation giving people across the UK the opportunity to say how they think the COVID-19 pandemic should be remembered.

How to respond
Please send your response via email or post by Monday, 5 December 2022 to:

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1. Demographic Questions

1. Gender *

- [ ] Female
- [ ] Male
- [ ] Other
2. Age *

- Under 16
- 16 – 24
- 24 – 29
- 30 – 34
- 35 – 39
- 40 – 44
- 45 – 49
- 50 – 54
- 55 – 59
- 60 – 64
- 65+
- Prefer not to say

3. Ethnicity *

- Prefer not to say
- Asian or Asian British
  - Pakistani
  - Indian
  - Chinese
  - Bangladeshi
  - Any other Asian background
  - Prefer not to say

- Black, African, Caribbean or Black British
  - Caribbean
  - African
  - Any other Black, Black British or Caribbean background
  - Prefer not to say

- Mixed of Multiple ethnic groups
  - White and Asian
White and Black British
White and Black Caribbean
Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background
Prefer not to say

White
British
English
Gypsy or Irish Traveller
Irish
Northern Irish
Roma
Scottish
Welsh
Other
Prefer not to say

Other ethnic group
Arab
Any other ethnic group
Prefer not to say

Other
If none of the options cover the ethnicity you belong to, please let us know here:

4. Where do you live? *

Prefer not to say
Prefer not to say

England
East Midlands
East of England
London
North East
North West
South East
South West
West Midlands
Yorkshire and The Humber
Prefer not to say

Northern Ireland
Northern Ireland

Scotland
Scotland

Wales
Wales

Other Country
Other Country
2. Consultation Questions

The Commission is aware of significant activity across the UK to remember those who have died during the pandemic. The Commission is keen to build on this good work and consider further ways to commemorate across the UK.

1. The Commission is considering a national day of remembrance. On which date(s), would it be most appropriate to commemorate? (please rank, where 1 is your preferred option - click on an option and drag it into the desired ranked position)

   - The anniversary of the first confirmed case in the UK: 30 January
   - The anniversary of the announcement of the first recorded death in the UK: 5 March
   - The anniversary of the date that the World Health Organisation declared a pandemic: 11 March
   - The anniversary of the start of the first lockdown: 23 March
   - World Health Day: 7 April
   - The anniversary of the NHS being founded: 5 July

2. Do you think there should be a symbol to commemorate COVID-19 in the same way that a poppy represents Remembrance Sunday?

   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t have a strong view about this topic

3. Which type of memorial or commemorative space do you prefer? (please rank, where 1 is your preferred option - click on an option and drag it into the desired ranked position)

   - Green Memorial e.g. woodland or garden
   - Physical structure or sculpture
   - Online Memorial

4. How many memorials or commemorative spaces do you think we should have across the UK? (please rank, where 1 is your preferred option - click on an option and drag it into the desired ranked position)

   - One UK memorial
   - Regional memorials across the UK
   - Local smaller memorials within each Local Authority

5. Would you be in favour of the creation of a website to find memorials and commemoration activities near you?

   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t have a strong view about this topic
It is important to mark this period in our history to ensure that future generations are aware of the sacrifices that took place as well as the efforts of those involved who kept the country running.

6. What do you consider to be the best way(s) to educate future generations about COVID-19? (please tick as many as you wish. If you do not have a strong view about this topic, please tick the last option only)

☐ As part of the school curriculum
☐ Museum / learning centre
☐ Online resources
☐ I don’t have a strong view about this topic

7. Would you be in favour of having a Commemorative Covid Coin?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I don’t have a strong view about this topic

8. Millions of workers and volunteers contributed to the pandemic response across the UK in different ways. The Commission is considering how to recognise people’s efforts throughout the pandemic. Who of the following do you think should be recognised? (please tick one)

☐ Everyone
☐ Certain groups
☐ Certain individuals
☐ I don’t think there should be any recognition for this effort
☐ I don’t have a strong view about this topic
9. Do you have any other suggestions on how we should commemorate and remember the COVID-19 pandemic? (Please answer in 500 characters or less)