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PRESS RELEASE: TWO OPPOSING HOLOCAUST HISTORIES, ONE UNLIKELY FRIENDSHIP

The daughter of two Holocaust survivors and the grandson of an SS concentration camp officer show how humans can overcome their personal histories to build the unlikelyest of friendships.

Dr Noemie Lopian and Derek Niemann are telling their inspiring Building Bridges talk to an audience at Furze Platt Theatre on Wednesday 22nd March.

Dr Lopian's parents lived through the horrors of the concentration camps during the Second World War – while Derek Niemann's grandfather was a Nazi officer at around the same time. They now travel across the country to give their messages of how you can overcome even the biggest obstacles to find a common ground.

They will be giving their talk to some of Furze Platt Senior School's sixth form students during the day, before opening up the speech to the wider public in the evening in the theatre to raise funds for the school.

Headteacher, Dr Andrew Morrison said: *"The Furze Platt community is incredibly lucky and honoured to be able to welcome Dr Lopian and Mr Niemann to our school. I am looking forward into hearing their stories and the lessons they will share. I am certain that their messages will resonate with students, colleagues and the wider public."*

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start, and soft drinks will be served before and during the interval. There is the opportunity for questions after the talks, with the evening ending around 9pm. Tickets can be purchased here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre

EDITORS NOTE:

1. The Mayor of Maidenhead is planning on attending the event, as is the Head of the Maidenhead Chamber of Commerce and governors of Furze Platt Senior School.
2. We have another photograph without text that has been attached – please use whichever you prefer.
3. For more information, please call Marissa Holden on 01628 625308 x 169 or email Marissa.holden@furzeplatt.net

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