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In Association with The Jewish Historical Society of Ireland
(A division of the Irish Jewish Museum,)
and the Embassy of the Czech Republic

# Winton's Children

How One Man Saved Hundreds of Children from Death in the Holocaust



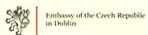
### Screenings and Symposium in honour of Sir Nicholas Winton

Screenings of film and documentary on Tuesday 21st May and Wednesday 22nd May in Rathmines Library

Symposium on Wednesday 22nd May in Taca Hall, Terenure

Free. Booking essential for all screenings and Symposium in Rathmines Library,
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### **Nicholas Winton**

#### Sir Nicholas Winton and the Winton Children

Following the September 1938 Munich Agreement, thousands of Jewish refugees fled to Prague. In the Christmas holidays of 1938, London stockbroker, Nicholas Winton, visited the refugee camps in Prague, and noticed that no one was prioritising the children. Working under the cover of an unauthorized "Children's Section" of the British Committee for Refugees from Czechoslovakia, Winton unilaterally set up operations in the lobby of his Prague hotel, compiling a list of hundreds of Jewish children. Once back in London, he arranged for the permits that allowed the children to be admitted to Britain, and he raised the funds to pay for the guarantees demanded by the British government.

The first train of Winton Children left Prague in March 1939. By the time WW2 broke out in September, Winton had rescued 669 children, personally meeting every train at London's Liverpool Street station to match the right child with the right foster parents. After the war, Winton told no one about his heroic deeds, and the story only became public in 1988.

In 2002, Winton was knighted, and he has been honoured by the British, Czech and Israeli governments.

## SCREENINGS OF FILM AND DOCUMENTARY ON NICHOLAS WINTON IN RATHMINES LIBRARY

Tuesday 21st May at 4pm "All My Loved Ones" – fictionalised movie about the Winton Children

Tuesday 21st May at 6pm "Nicky Winton" – a documentary on Nicolas Winton

Wednesday 22nd May at 10am
"All My Loved Ones" – fictionalised movie about the Winton Children
PRIVATE SCREENING FOR SCHOOLS

Wednesday 22nd May at 2pm "Nicky Winton" – a documentary on Nicolas Winton

Free. Booking Essential.

# Winton Symposium

## Samuel Taca Hall, Terenure Synagogue, Dublin

## Wednesday 22nd May, 5pm - 8pm

5pm - Welcome Reception & light refreshments

5.30pm - Symposium Opening remarks – Mr Tomas Kafka, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Ireland.

David Stecher, former deputy head of the Prague Jewish community, and director of the Czech Centre in Tel Aviv, will talk about director Matej Minac's films on Winton.

Address by Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines, a "Winton Child".

"A quarrel in a faraway country – Britain, Czechoslovakia and Winton's Children" – talk by Yanky Fachler, chair of the Jewish Historical Society of Ireland.

Closing remarks - Mr Tomas Kafka



Winton's Children leaving Prague in 1939



Nicholas Winton with a Winton child, 1939

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