

Defence of Holocaust Memorial Day

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Inayat Bunlawala (Letters, Letters January 30) is wrong to attack Holocaust Memorial Day for not being inclusive. The main voice that survivors of the Rwandan genocide have heard outside their own country has been through HMD. I, and others in my community, have learned about the suffering of the Bosnians and other crimes being committed simply because people see others as different. I was privileged to share in the poignant event in Belfast in 2004 when the theme for HMD was "From the Holocaust to Rwanda". The misinformation disseminated by the Muslim Council of Britain that HMD is a Jewish day should be corrected and campaigns to rename or boycott the day should end.

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