

## **No One Excluded from Holocaust Memorial Day**

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Sir: Inayat Bunglawala (letter, 24 January) is wrong to attack Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) as an exclusively Jewish remembrance day.

The main voice that survivors of the Rwandan genocide have heard outside their own country, has been through HMD when I, and others in my community, have learnt about the suffering of the Bosnians and other crimes being committed simply because N people see others as being different.

I was privileged to share in the poignant national event in N Belfast in 2004 when the theme for HMD was "From the Holocaust to Rwanda: lessons learned, lessons still to learn." The support I felt then that was given by those involved will stay with me for ever.

In my experience, HMD has been totally open and inclusive in dealing with Rwanda and other genocides. For these reasons, from a Rwandan perspective, I believe it to be of prime importance that the misinformation that HMD is a Jewish day should be corrected an campaigns to rename or boycott the day should end.

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