

Dublin comments

I am delighted, as Academic Adviser to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, to be able to comment on the Holocaust Day Commemoration program in which I participated this past January 2013 in Dublin.

The program was extremely impressive. I have taken part in many such ceremonies, indeed, I came to Dublin after participating in the official Spanish Holocaust Day Commemoration in the Senate House in Madrid. The ceremony in Dublin, organised by Holocaust Education Trust Ireland, was quite distinctive and left a deep impression on me because, unlike most such events, this one was not only commemorative but was also highly educational. The program was well constructed and the readings – all from primary sources – that were shared with the audience had been chosen with care and insight. Each individual presentation made a valuable point in itself and, when taken together, gave a remarkable and comprehensive view of the Holocaust, including both its Jewish and non-Jewish victims. In sum, the program really educated the audience about the main issues and events in this dark story. The organizers of the event are to be congratulated for their effort, sensitivity and knowledge of the relevant narrative.

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