



WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

World Interfaith Harmony Week Report Stand Together (Scottish Parliament)



In 2020 World Interfaith Harmony Week fell immediately after Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 and Interfaith Scotland was delighted that the significance of this was marked by those in the highest office of Scottish Government and civil society.

The theme for HMD2020 was **Stand Together** a theme that resonated with the World Interfaith Harmony motto of '**love of God and love of neighbour**' and Interfaith Scotland organised and hosted a full programme of talks, exhibitions and music held in the Scottish Parliament on the evening of 27th January.

The first Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, spoke at the event and emphasised the importance of **standing together to tackle hatred and discrimination**. Holocaust and genocide survivors, Janine Webber and Hasan Hasanovic, spoke of overcoming hate and promoting peaceful co-existence; school children spoke of lessons they had learned and the Glasgow Strings Orchestra played a section of the music 'Unforgotten' which was premiered the following night.

Rwanda and subsequent genocides were also highlighted. A moving exhibition of the Children of Buchenwald was created for the occasion by Scottish and Russian children working collaboratively.

The audience who were made up of Members of the Scottish Parliament, Faith Leaders and community representatives, representatives of diverse Consulates, school children and young people from across Scotland and members of local interfaith groups had time for dialogue and food together as part of this collaborative Holocaust Memorial and World Interfaith Harmony Week event.

Interfaith Scotland Media Coverage;

Twitter: 34.6K tweet impressions (up 416%)

Facebook: Over 15,000 views on facebook and twitter

Edinburgh Live: digital reporting on 28/02/2020

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/its-terrible-atmosphere-holocaust-survivors-1764251>

International Newspapers Bosnia:

Article 1)

<https://avaz.ba/kolumne/licnost-dana/546552/hasan-hasanovic-istina-o-genocidu-cuje-se-sirom-svijeta>

Article 2)




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Facebook and twitter: 'Stand Together' (Parliamentary Event)

Facebook page for **Interfaith Scotland**.

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Heartbreaking testimonies from Janine Webber, Holocaust survivor, and Hasan Hasanovic, survivor of the Bosnian Genocide at the Scottish Parliament for World Interfaith Harmony Week and Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 – The First Minister spoke movingly to the packed audience. The specially commissioned exhibition created by school children from Russia and Glasgow added to the event rind Trust Ensemble.



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First Minister of Scotland's tweet:

Jan 2020 • 31 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 18.6K impressions

Powerful opening words from First Minister [@NicolaSturgeon](#) reflecting on her visit to Auschwitz, the importance of our theme "Stand Together" and subsequent genocides that have taken place since the Holocaust. "We cannot be bystanders in the rise of bigotry and hatred." [#HMD2020](#)
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