

HETI Press Release Re: Tommy Tiernan's antisemitic comments

Holocaust Education Trust Ireland is appalled to read of the antisemitic remarks made by Tommy Tiernan at the Electric Picnic festival, as printed in the Sunday Tribune, 20 September 2009. As someone in the public eye, he has to take responsibility for his racist comments. We are equally concerned about the report of the audience's reaction which appears to have endorsed, sustained and enjoyed his comments. We would hope that the Irish public will choose to stay away from such racist 'entertainment' in future.

HETI utterly condemns Mr Tiernan's antisemitic outburst and calls upon him to repudiate completely and apologise unreservedly for the comments about the Holocaust and the Jews, he is reported to have made.

This incident highlights the necessity and relevance of the role of Holocaust education in order to educate and inform people in Ireland about the Holocaust, intolerance and antisemitism.



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