The No Hate Speech activists and partners set up a Network!

The Advisory Council on Youth congratulates the activists and campaign partners on the successful continuation of their work against hate speech, which has resulted in a newly established No Hate Speech Network. The network was set up by 110 activists and their organisations – partners to the campaign, and it is open for new members. It will work on co-ordinating the various activists and organisations who work against hate speech, making sure that they can set up partnerships, raise their proposals and points when it comes to standards and approaches in countering hate speech.

The No Hate Speech Movement campaign was initiated by the Advisory Council and led by the Council of Europe’s Youth Department between 2013 and 2017. The Movement has been active mobilising young people to counter hate speech and to promote human rights online and offline, rolling out its activities in 45 countries worldwide.

While the Council of Europe’s co-ordination of the campaign has ended, the work against hate speech continues through the programmes of the Youth Department and of the Anti-Discrimination Unit, which have expressed openness to collaborate with the new network.

The Advisory Council celebrates the efforts of the young people to continue the movements through a global initiative as the No Hate Speech Network and wishes the best of luck to the newly elected Board and to the activists!

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