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IS THIS IT?...

Evaluation Conference of the
No Hate Speech Movement youth campaign

LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, 10-12 April 2018

Programme

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The [No Hate Speech Movement](#) youth campaign was initiated by the Council of Europe in 2012 and prolonged in May 2015 until the end of 2017 by the Committee of Ministers, as part of the Council of Europe Action Plan on the fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism. The campaign has been and is present in 45 countries, has been implemented together with some 70 European partners and has mobilised thousands of activists online and offline. *Is this it?*

The Evaluation Conference will be a moment for campaigners to look back and forth, to celebrate achievements and to learn for future action. Hate speech does not stop with the closing of the campaign: online human rights issues are as important as ever and education for human rights, offline and online, remains a global need for children and youth across Europe and beyond. *This is not all.*

As the European campaign comes to a close and many national campaigns continue, it is important to reflect together about how to keep the *movement* alive, youthful and relevant. How can it take up new realities regarding hate speech and the role of Information Technology (*Is this IT?...*)? Is this how can we work together? What should the Council of Europe and the governmental and non-governmental partners of the campaign do for the sustainability of the results of the campaign?

These will be questions at the heart of the conference which will bring together over 120 actors from the various campaign stakeholders including:

- national campaign committees and support groups
- European campaign partners
- online youth activists
- youth organisations
- educational professionals
- local and regional authorities
- the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance.

Looking Back, Moving Forward. The conference will be an opportunity to establish a joint vision of a movement made of very diverse people, organisations and means but united by a commitment to dignity and human rights everywhere and everyday. *This is it. This is not all.*

Aim and objectives

The conference will celebrate, review and consolidate the achievements, successful practices and policy interventions of the No Hate Speech Movement youth campaign. Its objectives are to:

- give recognition and visibility to the achievements of the campaign
- reflect on the findings of the external evaluation of the youth campaign for 2016-2017 and to review and validate its recommendations
- reflect on emerging developments in hate speech and human rights online and consider future measures to be taken in light of what has been learned
- propose guidelines for member states and the Council of Europe on how to strengthen the role of young people in combatting hate speech through policy and practice
- identify and propose future actions by national campaigns, partners and activists who are continuing the No Hate Speech Movement.

Daily Programme (Draft)

Tuesday 10 April

Arrival of participants

Registration and travel reimbursement

12:30 *Lunch at the European Youth Centre*

14:00 **Opening of the conference**

- **Snežana Samardžić-Marković**, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe
- **Ivan Hromada**, vice-Chair of the European Steering Committee on Youth
- **Anne Brasseur**, Ambassador of the No Hate Speech Movement

14:30 Introduction of participants and conference programme

15:00 ***Did we do it?***

Presentation of the findings of external evaluation of the No Hate Speech Movement youth campaign covering 2016-2017

- **Hana Bendova**, consultant, external evaluator

15:30 Reflection on the evaluation findings and feedback on its recommendations in working groups

Break included

17:30 Address by **Thorbjørn Jagland**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

19:00 *Dinner and social programme*

Wednesday 11 April

09:15 Opening and introduction of the day's programme

09:30 **Hate Speech, Human Rights and IT today**

- Hate Speech in the agenda of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, by **Jean-Paul Lehnert**, Chair
- *The role of politicians and lawmakers*, by **Gabriela Heinrich**, General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, and Coordinator of the No Hate Alliance, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- *New opportunities and challenges for human rights education*, **Dr. Natalie Alkiavidou**, Director of Aequitas and lecturer to the University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus.
- *Hate speech today: what is there to learn?* Keynote by **Dr. Gavan Titley**, Maynooth University

10:45 **What next?** Reflection on achievements, present issues and future steps to address them - in working groups

Break included

12:15 Departure to the Council of Europe headquarters

12:45 Group photo and lunch at the Council of Europe headquarters

14:45 **This was it!**

Great ideas, plans, activities, tools and stories of campaigning – and bad ones too!
Participants-led sessions on:

Human Rights Education – Learning from practices in education to counter and prevent hate speech

Media and Hate Speech – literacy, journalist training, guidelines and codes of conduct

Campaigning with and for groups targeted by hate speech – from thematic approaches to coalitions to counter hate speech and protecting human rights for all

Sexism and Gender Equality online – the campaign's contribution now and in the future

Youth work - Youth initiated, led and implemented activities at grass-roots level

Online Safety for and by youth - Approaches and practices to encourage online safe behaviour of children and youth

The Internet and Hate Speech - Engaging with Internet businesses and others for effective addressing online hate speech

Policy and legislative action on hate speech - political and society support for legislative and policy measures on hate speech and discrimination

We CAN! - CAN We?– from learning to using counter and alternative narratives to Hate Speech narratives as a campaign tool.

18:00 Feedback on the day and plenary closing

19:30 Reception and activity at the City Hall of Strasbourg, with **Nawel Rafik-Elmrini**, deputy to the Mayor of Strasbourg

Dinner in town (self-organised)

Thursday 12 April

09:15 Opening and introduction of the day's programme

09:30 **Moving forward**

Working groups on the continuation of the movement by national campaigns, partners and activists

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 **We'll do it!**

Conference conclusions and guidelines for future work on combatting hate speech for the Council of Europe, national campaigns, partners and activists in working groups

12:45 *Lunch*

14:30 Working groups continue

15:30 Plenary presentation and feedback on guidelines

16:30 Break

17:00 **We did it!**

Presentation of Conference conclusions and guidelines

Celebrative closing of the European youth campaign

- **Anja Olin-Pape**, Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth

- **Antje Rothmund**, Head of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

18:00 Closing reception

19:30 ***Fancy Love Speech party***

Friday 13 April

Departure of participants