



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015**

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### **(1) The big picture**



International Human Rights Day – 10 December saw national campaign committees all over Europe organising actions on- and off-line. [[Video](#) about human rights from the Montenegrin campaign]. Postcards focusing on the theme of Human Rights and the week's motto "Human Rights: Always ON, Never OFF" were also launched on 10 December. Other interesting blog posts, a factsheet and an online quiz are available on the [NHSM site](#). [Meet the NHSM "ninjas"](#).

Parliamentary Assembly General Rapporteur against Racism and Intolerance, Maria Giannakaki, handed out prizes to the [winners of the NHSM photo competition](#) on 10 December. Participants of the workshop for online activists carried out a small action in the Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, as well as one in the Christmas Market in Strasbourg.

The international dimension of the NHSM was presented during a visit to Belarus by representatives of the CMJ and the CoE secretariat on 10-

11 December (see below Seminar “Youth policy and programmes of the CoE and their relevance for Belarusian youth”).

A meeting of the NHSM follow-up group will be held in Strasbourg on 28-29 January 2015.

The [NHSM Petition](#) to make 22 July European Day for Victims of Hate Crime has now been signed by nearly 4000 persons. We encourage more signatures in order to support this Recommendation - the more people sign, the better the chances of succeeding in obtaining the declaration by the Committee of Ministers. *Have you invited your colleagues to sign it?*

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*Forthcoming European Action Days/Weeks are:*

11 February – Safe Internet Day

21 March – Anti Racism and Discrimination

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*Country action:*

Thanks to financial support from [the European Youth Foundation](#), "Youth Space" has implemented a training course for young people in Georgia to become actively involved in the campaign at local level and develop competences, knowledge and attitudes of local young people on Hate Speech and Human Rights Education, in the field of discrimination and Intolerance. Participants were also able to actively start supporting and promoting the Campaign using street art, with the help of a Graffiti tool. They have drawn more than 20 No Hate Graffiti hearts (red and black) in the city of Rustavi and more are planned in other areas including Tbilisi.

The pilot project “Young Roma in the Fight against Hate Speech” aims at networking and education of young Roma on ways to respond to hate speech, to neutralise its effects and to strengthen the target group to be more involved in the life of the community. The success of this project can serve as a basis for nation-wide training of young Roma, creating a pool of Roma trainers who would be equipped to work with Roma youth and create preconditions for their successful inclusion into society.

“[Contramedia Films](#)”, thanks to the financial support of an EAA Norway

Grants, produced a very interesting video about hate speech and hate crime as part of the NHSM. The [video](#), made for the Norwegian Embassy in Spain, shows several experts explaining the issues of hate speech, the situation in Spain and what can be done concretely to fight against it.

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A [reporting tool](#), developed for all the national coordinators and activists to give them the possibility to document their great work and inform the Strasbourg secretariat about it, was recently improved. National campaign coordinators and/or activists can now submit a report about their latest activity.

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The state of play of the national campaign committees can be found and checked on the [website](#) and on the [new map](#) of national campaign coordinators.

A campaign newsletter is produced twice a month. Please send your contributions to: [youth.nohatespeech@coe.int](mailto:youth.nohatespeech@coe.int). You can also subscribe to the newsletter by joining the movement or clicking “sign up to our newsletter” in [www.nohatespeechmovement.org](http://www.nohatespeechmovement.org).

*Say it with a balloon:* Real red heart-shaped No Hate Balloons are available. Ideal for public events (especially with children!) – order them now!. Other campaign material – videos, templates for posters and the brochure presentation can be downloaded from [www.coe.int/youthcampaign](http://www.coe.int/youthcampaign). Also: [Detailed brochure](#); [Flyer](#); [Poster](#).

Have *you* joined the official online Campaign? Please check out the [site](#). You are also encouraged to “like” our campaign on [Facebook](#) (we now have nearly 19,000 “likes”) and to follow the campaign on Twitter [[#nohatespeech](#)] where our followers have once again increased to over 14,700.

*Hate speech, as defined by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, covers all forms of expression which spread, incite, promote or justify racial hatred, xenophobia, antisemitism or other forms of hatred based on intolerance, including: intolerance expressed by aggressive nationalism and ethnocentrism, discrimination and hostility against minorities, migrants and people of immigrant origin. For the purpose of the campaign, other forms of discrimination and prejudice, such as*

*anti-gypsyism, christianophobia, islamophobia, misogyny, sexism and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity fall clearly within the scope of hate speech.*

**For up-to-date CoE action please check the [CoE website](#) and the [CoE Journal](#).**



NO HATE  
SPEECH  
MOVEMENT



The Youth Department joins the [condemnation](#) by the CoE Secretary General and PACE President of the terrorist attack on *Charlie Hebdo* in Paris on 7 January 2015 and extends its sincere sympathy to the families and friends of the victims. **It hopes that 22 July can be recognised by the Committee of Ministers as European Day for Victims of Hate Crime following the [NHSM Petition](#) signed by nearly 4000 people.**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> European Youth Work Convention will be held in Belgium on 27-30 April within the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers. Organised by the three Communities of Belgium as part of their [priorities](#), the Convention will seek a new balance between youth work as an instrument directed towards the youth employment market and the value of youth work for individual development and empowerment, citizenship education and group interaction. The convention will focus on the development and renewal of youth work.

The [1<sup>st</sup> part-session of the PACE](#) will take place on 26-30 January 2015. During this session, the [Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport](#) will organise an exchange on “Young people as a key to conflict resolution and peace-building in Europe” on 28 January 2015. The exchange – an initiative of the Advisory Council on Youth - will bring together for the first time PACE members and members of the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ). Keynote speakers include: Iryna BRUNOVA-KALISTESKA [Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)]; Matej MANEVSKI [Center for Intercultural Dialogue Macedonia (CID)] and Ragip ZIK [Columbia Global Centers].

In 2015 the Congress will be preparing a report on why young people are engaging differently, new forms of participation and how local and regional authorities can ensure a meaningful participation of young people. The CMJ, whose priorities for 2016-17 will also focus on participation at the local and regional level, hopes to cooperate on the Congress report and to implement further the [Revised European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life](#) and the [Charter of Self Government](#).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting [Committee of Experts on the Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child](#) (DECS-ENF) will be held on 12-13 May 2015. The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will most likely be organised together with the meeting of the National Co-ordinators on Children's Rights and in co-operation with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and UNICEF in Geneva in the autumn.

## **(2) Youth Department update**

A Seminar on "[Youth policy and programmes of the Council of Europe and their relevance for Belarusian youth](#)" was held in Minsk on 10-11 December 2014 to inform youth NGO representatives and government officials in charge of youth about the CoE's programmes and structure, and examine ways of future co-operation between the Ministry of Education of Belarus (Youth Department) and the CoE. The Seminar led to an agreement on a list of possible cooperation activities which include: A study visit to the CoE and the EYCS for representatives of Belarusian youth NGOs and governmental officials; Summer University in Belarus; Youth Policy Advisory Mission; 50/50 training course for youth leaders and governmental officials; Training course for youth workers/leaders on human rights education with young people; Accession of Belarus to the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card; Strengthening the role of the [Minsk CoE Point](#) in respect of the CoE's youth policy and programmes.

The Bureaus of the CDEJ and the CCJ will meet in Strasbourg on 26-27 January 2015 to prepare for the meetings of the CoE statutory organs (CDEJ, CCJ and CMJ) which will be held in Budapest on 13-15 April 2015.

Preparations for the nomination of new members of the Advisory Council on Youth for the period 2016-2017 will start in January. The CoE will organise a call for candidatures at the end of February 2015.

The drafting group working on a recommendation on young people's access to rights will meet in Strasbourg on 29-30 January 2015. Members of the CDEJ, CCJ and CDDH will participate in the meeting together with a YFJ representative.

Within the [Council of Europe's Quality Label for youth centres](#) the 6th Platform will be hosted in May 2015 by Ecocenter "Radulovacki" in Serbia. The Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres is an opportunity for participating youth centres to benefit from the CoE's approach to youth work and youth policy.

The European Youth Foundation ([EYF](#)) continues to give priority to pilot activities on capacity building and conflict transformation developed by Ukrainian NGOs or European NGOs wishing to cooperate with Ukrainian NGOs. Other priorities for 2015 are: fighting extremism and hate speech online; participation and integration of migrants and young refugees in society.

***Activities held in December included:***

- "Forever Young?" Symposium on challenges to transition to working life and autonomy of young people in Europe (EYCS, 1-3 December)
- Training for trainers - Non-formal Education and Intercultural Learning (Russia, 7-14 December)
- Study visit for 20 youth leaders from Ukraine (EYCS, 5 - 8 December)
- Evaluation meeting of the Enter! Long Term Training Course for youth workers on access to social rights for young people (EYCS, 6 - 7 December)
- Training for trainers Non-formal Education and Intercultural Learning (Russia, 7 - 14 December)
- Seminar for NHSM activists (EYCS, 8 - 10 December)
- Seminar "Youth Policy and programmes of the Council of Europe and their relevance for Belarusian youth" (Minsk, Belarus, 10 - 11 December)
- Study visit of the Tatarstan Republic youth experts at the Council of Europe (EYCS, 16 - 18 December).

***Forthcoming activities:***

- Preparatory meeting of the Study Session Charter for ALL: Putting Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education into practice - in cooperation with the International Falcon Movement-Socialist Educational International ([IFM-SEI](#)) (EYCS, 14 - 15 January)
- Working Group on the evaluation of study sessions (EYCB, 16 January)

- Study Session Employability United! in cooperation with the Youth Social Rights Network  
(EYCS, 19 - 24 January)

### **EU-CoE youth partnership**

The Partnership Management Board will be meeting in Brussels on 22 January 2015.

### ***Staff***

A warm welcome to Estelle Glessinger who joins the Youth Department as assistant in the No Hate Speech Campaign secretariat on 12 January.

### **(3) Council of Europe**

In his report published in December, following his visit to [Hungary](#) last July, Commissioner for Human Rights Nils Muižnieks remarks that “Hungary should better ensure media freedom, combat widespread intolerance and discrimination, and improve the protection of the human rights of migrants”. The Commissioner also expressed his concern regarding [the arrest of journalists in Turkey](#) and his [encouragement](#) to the government in Kyiv, aid organisations and the international community to work together to address the humanitarian crisis created by the fighting in the east.

The Executive Committee of the [North South Centre](#) will meet in Strasbourg on 30 January 2015. Eliza Popper will represent the CMJ at this meeting.

### **(4) Other news**

The [Latvian presidency of the EU](#) includes among its priorities in the youth sector:

- Youth empowerment, namely democratic life participation and structured dialogue. The presidency will host a Conference on Youth Empowerment on 23-25 March.
- Conference within annual Creativity Week in Latvia on crossovers of cultural and creative industries to other sectors, 11-12 March.

- Development of a cross-sectorial approach, addressing the socio-economic challenges of young people. The presidency aims to adopt Council Conclusions on 18-19 May;
- Contribution of the youth sector, achieving Europe 2020 objectives. The presidency aims to adopt Council Conclusions on 18-19 May;

The 8th [European Charlemagne Youth Prize](#) of the European Parliament is now open for applications. The prize recognises projects carried out by young people promoting understanding and development of a common European identity, and offering practical examples of Europeans living together as one community. Deadline - 2 February 2015. The three winning projects will be announced on 23 April 2015.

The new president of the [European Youth Forum](#) (YFJ) – Johanna Nyman – took up her duties on 1 January 2015. In a recent [interview](#) she talked about her new role and her priorities. The [new Board](#) was elected at the YFJ general assembly held in Cluj Napoca, Romania in 21 November ([new responsibilities](#)). The [hand-over](#) between the outgoing and incoming Board was held on 17 December 2014. Members of the new Board will be traveling to Strasbourg to meet with AC Bureau members and the CoE youth sector secretariat on 28 January.

The ILO interactive on-line platform, “[Decent Work for Youth](#)” allows young people to engage and find solutions to the youth employment crisis.

The 10th Africa-Europe Training Course for Youth Organisations and the 3rd Meeting of the Africa-Europe Youth Platform will take place on 25 January - 1 February 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya. These activities, which will bring together some 60 young people from Africa and Europe, are organised in the framework of the Joint Management Agreement between the European Commission – [EuropeAid Co-operation Office](#) and the [North-South Centre of the Council of Europe](#). AC member Youssef Himmat will participate in the Platform.

## **(5) Publications**

The Council of Europe Youth Department [publications](#) may be consulted online.

## **NEW:**

The [Advisory Council leaflet](#) has been updated in English. The French and Russian editions will be available soon.

The French version of the Manual for facilitators in non-formal education “[Manuel de l'animateur en éducation non-formelle](#)” is now available.

## **COMING SOON:**

- Coyote 22 “Discriminating(,)me?!”
- Perspectives on youth, volume 2 “Connections and disconnections”

## **Reminder:**

- [List of Youth Department publications](#)
- [Youth policy reviews](#) are available on line.
- The revised European Youth Foundation leaflet is available in 5 languages: [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#). Online versions now offer the following [languages versions](#) : Slovenian, Romanian, Finnish, Spanish and Serbian (NB. more to come!)
- “[Have your say](#)” – A manual on the Revised European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life.
- T-Kit No.11 – [Mosaic: Training kit for the Euro-Mediterranean youth work](#) - available in French: “Mosaïques – kit de formation pour le travail euro-méditerranéen de jeunesse”.
- T-Kit No. 12 – [Youth transforming conflicts](#)
- The leaflet on the Youth Department is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#).
- The former version of the Advisory Council on Youth leaflet is still available in [French](#) and [Russian](#).
- The Right to be Young – report of the [Roma Youth Conference](#) is available from the Youth Department: [youth@coe.int](mailto:youth@coe.int)
- A [Survey on young people’s awareness of their access to rights](#) - by trainee Chaim Waibel. It complements the publication inspired by the Advisory Council on Youth: “[Young Persons and the case-law of the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter](#)”. [*Former AC member, Thomas Leys (IFLRY) has published an article “[Where is our European Bill of Rights](#)” in a new publication “[Redrafting Europe - The Young Liberals' White Paper on the Reform of the European Union](#)”].*
- [Compendium](#) of Council of Europe approaches to key youth policy and youth work issues (French).
- The [European Portfolio for youth leaders and youth workers](#) is available in [Turkish](#).

<https://book.coe.int/eur/en/>

- [Youth knowledge book 17](#): “Learning mobility and non-formal learning in European contexts”, published by the EU-CoE youth partnership.
- [“Visegrad Youth – Comparative review of the situation of young people in the V4 countries”](#), a contribution to knowledge based youth policy development

[EU-CoE Youth Partnership publications](#):

- Perspectives on youth, issue 1 - ["2020 - What do you see?"](#) The French and German versions will soon be available.
- Youth knowledge book 18 - ["History of youth work"](#) volume 4.
- Coyote #20: [“What’s Xtreme about youth?!”](#) – print version
- [Getting there...](#) - publication on the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning
- [Coyote # 21](#) – “Know What?”

*Past issues of Think Youth! are available on the [website of the Youth Department](#).*

**Facebook pages:**

[Advisory Council on Youth](#)  
[Council of Europe - Youth](#)  
[European Youth Centre, Budapest](#)  
[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)  
[European Youth Foundation](#)  
[No Hate Speech Movement](#)

*Best regards,*

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**Abbreviations:**

*CCJ: Advisory Council on Youth*

*CDDH: Steering Committee for Human Rights*

*CDEJ: European Steering Committee on Youth*

*CDMSI: Steering Committee on Media and Information Society*

*CDPPE: Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice*

*CM: Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*

*CMJ: Joint Council on Youth*

*CoE: Council of Europe*

*Congress: The Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities*

*CPJ: Programming Committee on Youth*

*DG: Directorate General*

*ECRI: European Commission against racism and intolerance*

*EDC: Education for Democratic Citizenship*

*EURODIG: European Dialogue on Internet Governance*

*EYCB: European Youth Centre Budapest*

*EYCS: European Youth Centre Strasbourg*

*EYF: European Youth Foundation*

*ncc: National campaign coordinator*

*NSC: North-South Centre of the Council of Europe*

*NHSM: No Hate Speech Movement*

*ODIHR: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights*

*OSCE: Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe*

*PACE: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

*UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

*UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

*YFJ: European Youth Forum*

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