> UNITED will produce a **European report** after the Action Week, including as many of the activities that took place as possible. The report is spread throughout Europe to support NGOs in reporting to their sponsors and to inspire action for next year. You can order copies of last year's report for inspiration and motivation.

## DO YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION?

- UNITED can provide you with useful information: > You can order a copy of the European Address Book Against Racism to find like-minded organisations in other countries, or in your own country (also available online).
- > You can phone or e-mail the UNITED secretariat to find out who else is organising something.
- > You can **check the UNITED website** to order the campaign poster, or other campaign material to use in your own way.
- > A full **list of anti-racism magazines** can also be found in the European Address Book Against Racism and on the UNITED website.
- > If you need to find more anti-racism news, Internet is a wonderful medium.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP UNITED

Help us make the media release exciting! Announce your activities to us! Send us your ideas, invitations, **leaflets** and **posters** before the activities take place. Help us make the post-campaign report complete and effective. Make sure your activity is included! Send us reports, newspaper articles, photographs, etc. after the event for the European report. The material does not have to be in English. And last but not least: just let us know what you need.

## WE ARE UNITED

UNITED for Intercultural Action is the European network against nationalism, racism, fascism and in support of migrants and refugees. Racism, nationalism, fascism, discrimination, restrictive migration and asylum policies, these issues have a European dimension. It is important to fight intolerance on all levels. Linked through UNITED, more than 560 organisations and youth organisations from a wide variety of backgrounds, from all European countries, work together on a voluntary basis. They base their cooperation on common actions, shared activities and on mutual respect. UNITED is and will remain independent from all political parties, organisations and states, but seeks an active co-operation with other anti-racist initiatives in Europe. Through the UNITED network organisations meet each other, work on common actions and share information. European-wide action weeks and campaigns are planned and discussed at UNITED conferences. Like-minded organisations meet each other at such conferences and work together on specific projects and on specific topics. The workers at the secretariat are in constant contact with the network organisations, ensuring that information and proposals for action are transmitted rapidly.

Information is received from more than 2000 organisations and mailings go out to about 2500 groups in Europe. If you want to get involved discuss the ideas and aims of the UNITED network within your organisation. Let us know that your organisation would like to join or to receive information. And add UNITED to your mailing list!



Czechia March 2008 Workshop by a blind women in the frame of a row of activities focused on intolerance and discrimination on different grounds

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referred to the organisations involved. be informed about events in their country and are ists who want to know about specific activities will from your country in our list, let us know. Journalfeel that we should include a specific media contact European press agencies, newspapers, etc. If you > A media release will be sent out to all the important country who are planning activities.

activities. We might know of other NGOs in your >Call UNITED if you cannot find a partner for your

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will be updated regularly and will be published on tions active in the Action Week. The List of Activities by sending messages of solidarity to other organisacould even link activities through the internet, or tacts and exchange ideas with other groups. You throughout Europe. The list can help you make conpaign and the strength of the anti-racist movement menting all the different activities during the cam-> We will produce a special List of Activities, docucial purposes, don't hesitate to contact UNITED.

(2kg material) for free. But if you need more for spe-> You can order campaign material, up to 100 posters

# HOW UNITED CAN HELP YOU

regularly.

> Make a timetable for the campaign and check it > Delegate responsibilities. action, media...

cational projects in schools and youth clubs, press ing, public demonstration, intercultural party, edution (non-violent protest actions), political lobby-> Choose the most appropriate method: direct acwhere you work, youth groups, minority groups...

most targeted by racism, the people living in the area > Try to have a planning group that includes the people WHAT PUBLICITY DO YOU KEED?

encourage people to act against racism and to take part in the Action Week Ireland, Cyprus & Lithuania March 2008 Advertisements in public space to





What partnerships will help you? > What do you need? Who do you need on your side? change, and how?

> Who is the target of the action? Who needs to tivity serve your purpose just as well? > Do you really want this activity or would another ac-> What change do you want (short AND long term)?

your activity aim to achieve? > What does the campaign aim to achieve? What does CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

phere: if there was racism, it was already bad. workplace out in the open is not ruining the atmos-> Getting the issue of racism in your school or in your > There is no 'neutrality' in relation to racism. powerment of victims of racism. -mə bns noitəətorq əbuləni zyswls bluodz mis ədT<

## KEEP IN MIND: PLANUING A CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY

in football by showing a huge banner saying 'Alert Against racism'



ideas and get inspired by other organisation's actions. Activities published from we which you can gain new order-form. With every campaign there is also a List of lets etc.) available for free and to get to the online paign material (posters, stickers, postcards, infoleaftion. Have also a look at our webpage for more camname, address and contact person of your organisaactivities (title, date, theme, place) to UNITED and the er for free. Send, fax or e-mail information about your Join the campaign and order more copies of this post-Do you believe in the active struggle against racism? ORDER FREE MATERIAL

# **JOIN THE CAMPAIGN**

(gro.msisatracism.org)

list of good practices (everything available under or the Calendar of Internationalism with an enormous checking former campaign reports, lists of activities an Activity? - Guide'. You also can get inspiration by information leaflet 'Get Active! - The how to Organise a look on the UNITED website. We have published the If you want more information and ideas you can take

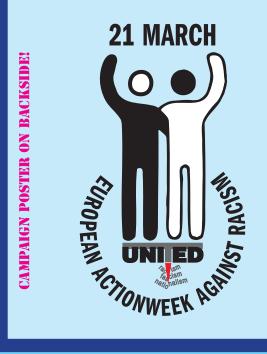
infoleaflets...) helps spread our message. campaign material (e.g. posters, stickers, postcards, the Week, but also hanging posters and distributing visible actions can alert the public to the message of during the Action Week. Removing graffiti and other es. Many organisations publish their annual report write petitions to politicians or publish media releaspublicity. You can take up the occasion of the Week to the Week and the activity more weight and more ganising them during the Action Week you give both provide space for reflection and brainstorming. By or-> PUBLIC debates, round tables and conferences self-confidence and self-assessment.

processes and they have possibilities to develop more actions. In that way they take a role in decision-making

## **DIVERSITY ADDS VALUE VALUE DIVERSITY**

Population in Europe is becoming more and more diverse. Internal and external migration processes are making it a place where people of many different backgrounds share their existence. Nowadays diversity seems to be considered worrisome rather than a potential growth. "Diversity is beautiful" - that's true and much more than that it adds value to society, cohesion and development in any aspect. What we need to understand is how to manage diversity and not to be afraid of it. The magic formula is to LOOK DEEPER and VALUE DIVERSITY to recognise what is beyond the unknown and find out that there is a lot to explore, to understand and to learn from each other.

We believe in future as a time of communion, when all the people living in Europe offer their uniqueness to each other as a gift and diversity is not seen as an obstacle anymore; a future without discrimination and exclusion, but with a mainstream culture based on intercultural respect, solidarity and equal rights. With this goal, we stand UNITED in our struggle to value diversity.



## STOP THINKING BLACK&WHITE!

Our thinking is reflected in our actions: Europe's current general attitude is getting more violent and empathy is killed by indifference. Although Anti-discrimination laws exist in nearly every European country, authorities fail to implement them. Minority groups in Europe, especially Roma and Muslims, face nowadays growing racist violence, suffer under racial profiling and policing and are excluded from having equal access to services like housing, employment, health care and education. Stereotypes and a culture based on the "clash of cultures" theory are artificially created and promoted by defamatory media coverage. Hate speech is the language of extremists and populist politicians. All this facts contribute to worsen the overall social situation in Europe and as a result we all suffer under it. People who cannot find a way to handle their fears follow populist and extremist leaders who are preaching easy solutions for much more complicated problems. Increasing extreme-right tendencies are not incidental problems; they are a broad phenomenon of ignorance and violent communication affecting society.

When it comes to the upcoming European Parliament Elections in 2009, UNITED is very much concerned about a general swing to the right by politicians in order to catch votes, no matter which party they belong to. The current attitude of European citizens is characterized by mistrust, doubt and fear and overshadowed by the nightmare of a general financial crisis. Only an empowered civil society is able to overcome this hostile climate and sustain peaceful social cohesion.

## TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG!

Take this opportunity and be part of the European Action Week against Racism. In this week hundreds of activists throughout Europe join forces across borders to raise awareness about the mentioned issues and celebrate diversity. We won't keep silent watching how intolerance is dictating our life, on the contrary we will raise our voices against inequality and discrimination. Our message needs to be visible to be recognised and therefore the movement depends on your support. It's up to everybody, so "be the change you want to see in this world!"

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In fact it's very important to involve youngsters into Jessous' cambna meetings, petitions and workshops. ly take up the occasion of this week to organise special > YOUTH organisations and teachers' unions frequent-

be afraid to inform journalists about your activity! organisations to produce special programs, so do not cially local media often start cooperation with local special issues, TV programs and radio shows. Espeand it may be inclined to work with you to produce purpose of raising awareness in the public opinion > MEDIA are essential in the campaign action with the

gets are the media, youth and the general public: ness in all relevant sectors of society. Three main tarcounts. The European campaign aims to raise awareresources: it's more the creativity and originality that portant for an effective action to have lots of financial their own way to the Action Week. In fact it is not im-All organisations, large and small, can contribute in

# BE CEEVLIAE & HVAE ENNI

activities all over Europe that make the UNITED camthat it is the variety and creativity of many different would like to take part in this campaign, keep in mind cause of the scope and size of the activity, etc. If you experience and views, generate more publicity beenthusiasm of other people, learn from each other's You will get motivated and inspired by the ideas and it in their daily life reflect about the issues raised. intolerance and let people who may not be aware of go on with their everyday struggle against racism and open society. It gives all participants new energy to amount of people that believe in an intercultural publicity. We can show that there is an enormous national actions, we can generate European-wide an level to get our point across. By linking local and We have to campaign on local, regional and Europecampaign can help to set the agenda on all levels. Racism is not a local issue and the European-wide

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different if somebody seems not 'usual' to us? role. Do we treat everybody equally, or do we behave In this context also positive-discrimination can play a with persons perceived as minority, or as 'different'. reflect our personal behaviour in daily-life interaction Such example makes it clear that we have to constantly fact 2nd or 3rd generation migrants.

who might not look don't look 'indigenous', but are in the question "Where are you from?" asked to people ly as thousand little cuts for the victim. An example is sequences, but negative interactions can be as deadfirst glance; their effect may not have immediate condaily basis by minorities may not qualify as racism at lethal. It means that subtle indignities suffered on a listneson but somis si ji - enotsbnes no gniq ism 'microaggression' and describe it like water drip-Social scientists named a special form of hidden rac-

more by anti-racism activists and victims of racism. Hidden racism is a topic that gets discussed more and

by authorities like the police. and integration by politicians as well as racial profiling dia coverage, the misuse of the 'hot topic' immigration is increasing. This phenomenon is based on biased meas the mistreatment of religious and ethnic minorities public acceptance of racism and hate crimes, as well care and education or looking for employment. The ing for housing, demanding proper inclusion in health groups are systematically discriminated whenever look-In the last years, researches have shown that minority speech, but also as hidden and institutionalised means. areas, not always as racist street action or public hate racist manifestations are taking place in a wide range of tant to spot and stop each one of them. Across Europe, There are many different forms of racism and it's impor-

# PACES OF RACISM

gether with migrants to raise awareness for anti-racism and migration issues Malta March 2008 Activists organised a street action in the city centre to-



walls from racist grafiti and many, many more. ferences, multicultural football games or cleaning the actions, lectures, living libraries, film screenings, conworking places, to intercultural youth festivals, street from very basic poster actions in schools, public and The activities taking place in the Action Week range equal rights and celebrate the diversity of Europe. Europe actively engage themselves for tolerance, the annual campaign thousands of people all over a change. Through the actions implemented during dreds of activities all around Europe in order to make wide variety of different organisations carry out hunists, NGO's, universities, schools, municipalities and a European-wide Action Week Against Racism. Activ-Each year around 21 March UNITED coordinates the

that there is only one race: the human race! can be recognised everyday. The winning thought is ished and still segregating ideologies based on 'race' by since this hard-line institutional racism was aboltween 1948 and 1990. Not even 20 years have passed gation enforced by the government of South Africa bein 1960. Apartheid was a legal system of racial segreapartheid demonstrators in Sharpeville, South Africa, implemented as a reaction to the murder of 70 antiof all Forms of Racial Discrimination. This day was 21 March the International Day for the Elimination The General assembly of the United Nations declared

21 MARCH