

UNITED Conference Program

Get Active, Be UNITED: Youth Sharing Visions for Equality
24-29 March 2006 in Sofia (Bulgaria)



TIME	Friday 24 March	Saturday 25 March	Sunday 26 March	Monday 27 March	Tuesday 28 March
Breakfast 8:00-9:00	Conference prepared by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association for Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers Humanitas (NL) • Bosphorus Society Bulgaria (BG) • Bulgarian Helsinki Committee (BG) • Legal Centre for Human Rights (EE) • The Monitoring Group (GB) • REFLEXes, antifa magazine (F) • Society for Free minded Cultural & Political Education Blauschwung (D) • UNITED for Intercultural Action With financial support of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Youth Foundation • Youth Program of the European Union 	9:30-11:00 Welcome What is UNITED? Presentation of co-organisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulgarian Helsinki Committee (BG) • Bosphorus Society Bulgaria (BG) Programme/team/technicalities Personal introductions of participants 11:15-12:30 'THE DANGER OF WORDS' Definitions and concepts most used in antiracist and antifascist work - <i>Discussion Groups</i> -	9:30-11:00 INSTITUTIONAL RACISM: the spinal cord of racial discrimination and exclusion - <i>Presentation and discussion</i> - 11:15-12:30 Continuation of the Thematic Working Groups - <i>Sharing Practices...</i> -	9:30-11:00 Continuation of the Thematic Working Groups - <i>Developing Strategies</i> - 11:15-12:30 Presentation of results of the thematic working groups - <i>Plenary session</i> -	9:30-11:00 THE NEW OUTCASTS OF EUROPE. Migrants, Refugees & Asylum Seekers - <i>Panel Discussion</i> - 11:15-13:00 GET ACTIVE! Campaign Working Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign against fascism/antisemitism • Campaign in support of migrants, refugees & asylum seekers • Campaign against racism • Youth campaign against exclusion • Using media in/for campaigning
Morning 9:30-11:00					
Coffee-break 11:00-11:15					
11:15-12:30					
Lunch 13:00					
Afternoon 14:30-16:00	Arrival and registration of participants until ca 17:30	14:30-16:00 THE ROMA ISSUE: European Overview, Bulgarian context, Antiziganism - <i>lectures and questions</i> - 16:15-18:00 Thematic Working Groups - <i>Key Issues</i> - A- Minorized groups: equality & participation B- Beyond borders: migrants, refugees & asylum seekers C- Here and now: far right & extreme nationalism D- Racism reloaded: Islamophobia & Antisemitism E- Education & intercultural learning in multicultural societies F- Constructing the other: stereotypes in public space 18:00-18:30 EUROPE IN ACTION An update on the status of European level campaigns and events - <i>Plenary session</i> -	14:30-16:00 ACTIVITIES PROMOTING DIVERSITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roma project • Bulgarian project - <i>Project presentations</i> - 16:15-18:00 Continuation of the Thematic Working Groups ... <i>Sharing Practices</i> - 18:00-18:30 GET ACTIVE! Short presentation of UNITED campaigns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 March - European-wide Action Week Against Racism • 9 November - 'Kristallnacht' Commemoration • 20 June - International Refugee Day / „Fortress Europe No More Deaths“ - <i>Plenary session</i> -	14:00-16:15 Study visit to “Moderno Predgradie – Modern Suburbs” Visit to neighbourhood and to a school. - <i>Presentation of local Roma projects</i> 16:15-19:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Tour in Sofia • Free Time in Sofia 	14:30-15:30 ACTIVITIES PROMOTING DIVERSITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Under the Stars of Europe" (BG)- Equal opportunities for young people deprived of parent care with diverse ethnic origin • "School without Racism" (B) - <i>Project presentations</i> - 15:30-16:15 GET ACTIVE! Presentation of results of the campaign working groups - <i>Plenary session</i> - 16:30-17:00 Open Forum - <i>with participants' input</i> - 17:00-18:30 Evaluation of the conference
Coffee-break 16:00-16:15					
16:15-18:30					
Dinner 19:00					
Evening	20:00 "Breaking the Blocks" - <i>Informal opening reception</i> -	20:30 Info Market: Present your organisation - <i>with participation of local NGOs</i> - 21:00 International Snacks	20:30 Political café & Video evening	19:30-22:00 Dinner in Sofia in traditional Bulgarian with live Folk Music 22:30 Political café	20:30 Intercultural Evening & Farewell Party