

UNITED - Youth Human Rights Movement
Conference Invitation

Combating Racism: Non-Violent Strategies and Tactics

21-23 April 2010, in Voronezh (RUS)

Call for Nominations

DESCRIPTION AND AIMS:

This conference is a continuation of a long-term cooperation between the European network UNITED for Intercultural Action and the Youth Human Rights Movement (YHRM). We see this conference as a meeting place for around 65 Russian speaking activists, representatives of anti-racist organisations and groups, young educators and journalists – all those who want to discuss urgent questions and challenges, share their experience and successful practices, find new allies and partners, etc.

During the conference we will gladly discuss your ideas and projects, some of which may find support from the YHRM micro-grants programme.

The following sections are scheduled within the conference:

- discussion of contemporary challenges and problems of anti-racist activity in Russia and Europe;
- presentation of successful practices and new tactics;
- development of possible non-violent youth actions against racism and discrimination;
- presentation of international networks and initiatives that are open for participation;
- and many others.

Experts of the European network UNITED for Intercultural Action, the Youth Human Rights Movement, the Moscow Helsinki Group, the “GROZA” movement and others will participate in the conference. The representatives of OSCE, European Commission and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands are also supposed to participate.

The conference programme includes a number of open discussions, workshops, master-classes and expert report. You can also contribute to forming the programme.

We invite everyone involved in youth actions against racism and discrimination and interested in cooperation with the European network UNITED for Intercultural Action and the Youth Human Rights Movement.

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This conference will be held within the project "Civil organizations serving society: youth actions against racism, nationalism and xenophobia and for human rights and multicultural dialogue", supported by the MATRA program of the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and within the project "Building partnership for successful non-violent youth action to promote human rights culture, tolerance and inter-cultural dialogue", supported by the Delegation of European Commission to Russian Federation.

Technical Info

How to participate

Unfortunately we are not in a position to invite everyone interested, therefore there will be a selection of participants

priority will be given to:

- participants who are involved in youth actions against racism and discrimination;
- participants who are able to work in Russian language;
- participants who are able to cover their own travel expenses fully or partially;
- supporters of the European network UNITED for Intercultural Action;
- participants and correspondents of the Youth Human Rights Movement.

If your organisation is interested to nominate a representative, please return the [registration form](#) as soon as possible (**deadline 20 March 2010**), by email to voronezh@unitedagainstracism.org

Language

The main conference language will be **Russian**. Participants are expected to have a basic knowledge of Russian.

Contribution to travelcosts

Participants from the Russian Federation

travel expenses for selected participants from the Russian Federation (cheapest means of transport) can be refunded

Participants from Belarus and Ukraine

travel expenses for selected participants from Belarus and Ukraine can be PARTIALLY refunded

Participants from other European countries

Unfortunately *the organisers cannot contribute* to travel- and visa costs of participants from other countries.

Organisations that are able to cover the costs of their participation (flight to Moscow and nighttrain to Voronezh) are however welcome to nominate a delegate.

Accommodation, Participation Fee

The organisers will provide for all selected participants with meals and 2 nights accommodation in a shared room during the conference (21-23 April).

There is no participation fee.

Application procedure:

Organisations interested in nominating a delegate should send their nomination by email before the deadline:

20 March 2010 - 24:00 to voronezh@unitedagainstracism.org to download the registration form please click [here](#).