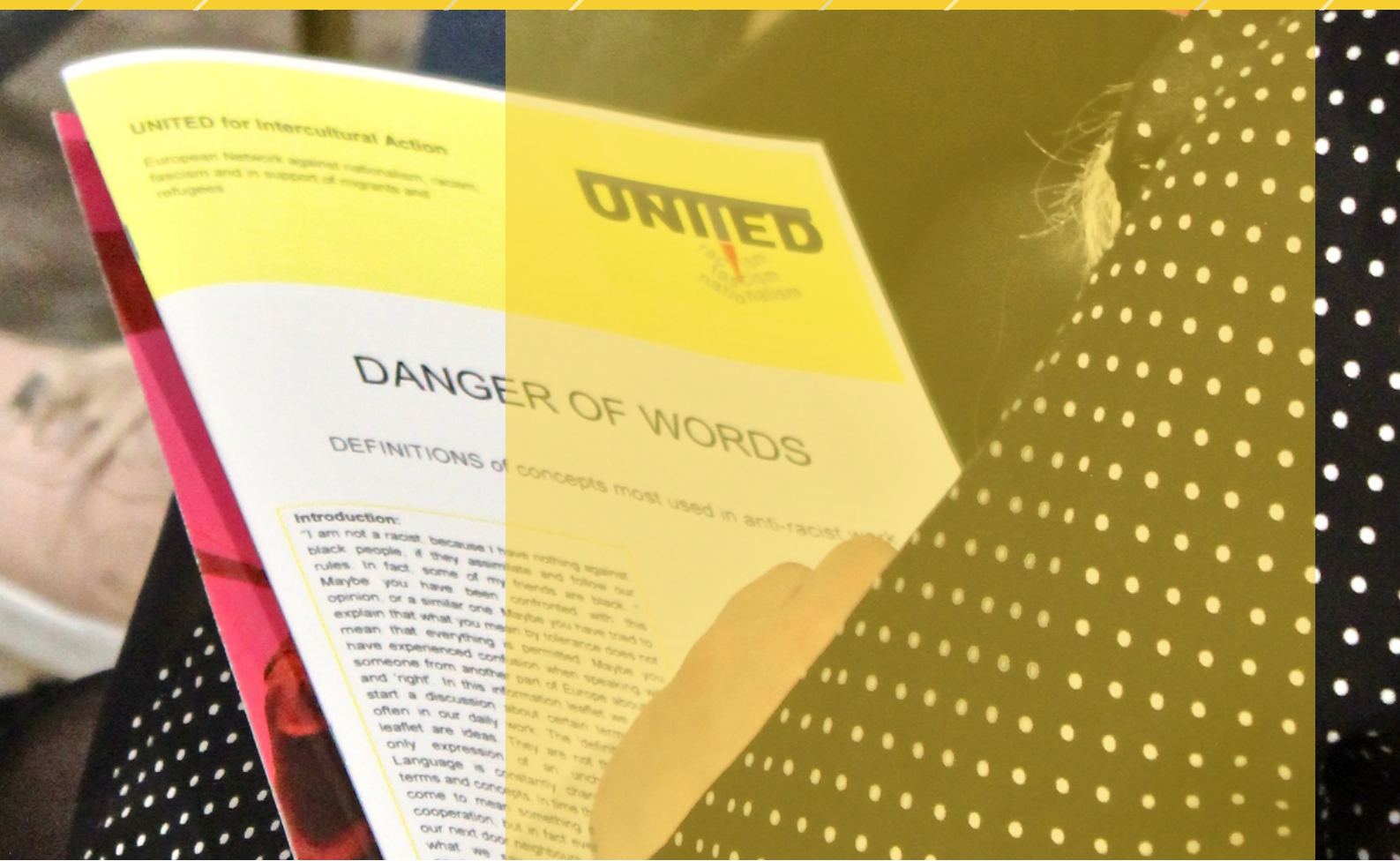




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About us

UNITED:

We believe that racism can only be combated by unity. Since 1993, more than 560 organisations from 46 European countries have stood together to support our anti-racist and anti-discrimination vision, and to speak out against the political backsliding in Europe.

FOR:

We stand for unity and hope, while fascists spread division and fear. Our vision is one of peaceful co-existence and intercultural respect all over the world.

INTERCULTURAL:

Diversity is a virtue, solidarity a duty! Strengthening existing intercultural relations between civil societies, minority groups and political and economical actors is our most important target.

ACTION:

It is variety and creativity that makes UNITED campaigns unique. By linking local and national actions, we generate European-wide solidarity and publicity.

We show that there is an enormous amount of people that believe in an intercultural open society.

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222,042
reached through
UNITED
Facebook page

38,697 reached
through UNITED
Twitter page

A word from...

BALINT JOSA, DIRECTOR

2021 was a very difficult year for the global community and its human rights defenders. COVID-19 took our freedom and lives of everyone, casting a long shadow that will fall for many years. Young people who come from less privileged backgrounds, minorities, refugees had it worse, and the civil sector had to adapt and deal with its consequences. The staff and the network at UNITED had to change working habits; travel - normally necessary for international youth work - became unreliable or impossible, driving an evolutionary change in the online and home office dimension. UNITED had to limit its activities and move to ZOOM and reorganise effectively in the new era. We organised everything online and remote and learned hybrid work as well. Some, we didn't physically meet for months, and others we never met in person at all.

We also had less costs and the time spent on travel was less as well, leaving space for more strategizing and planning for 2022.

We used the year to finally move to a new website and changed the appearance and even our name. As campaigning physically was impossible we did not expect huge street actions and many events, but we showed alternatives and even hosted conferences for other networks and became quite experienced in podcasts, video conferences, seminars and online training. This also allowed us to partner with various non European partners including organisations from Myanmar, Sudan, Brazil and the Philippines.

Although we had to implement many previously differently planned international conferences online or much delayed, in November we even had a small training financed by the European Youth Foundation by Council of Europe.

We also failed to retrieve our usual Work Plan grant, but had two international activities and structural funding that gave us enough flexibility for our activities.

2021 also marks a new area of UNITED's story, as the Amsterdam and Budapest secretariat's are finally completely functional and our roles and tasks are clarified and we got four projects for the Hungarian NGO hosting the secretariat gives us a better chance of employing more staff and continuing working. We are curious for 2022 and how the pandemic and new conflicts will impact our lives and work, but we also plan to revitalise and get closer to the supporters and also launch a huge new supporter recruitment program and re-publish an updated GDPR-compliant database, otherwise known as the "Address Book."

In 2021 we also organised our first delegate conference, where we met our previous and future delegates and discussed our plans and issues and planning to advertise our advocacy efforts and publish a clear and transparent advocacy strategy for the network.

I myself will do everything to live up to the challenge and keep our network UNITED with coordinating a well-established 10 person team in Budapest in addition to our office in Amsterdam.

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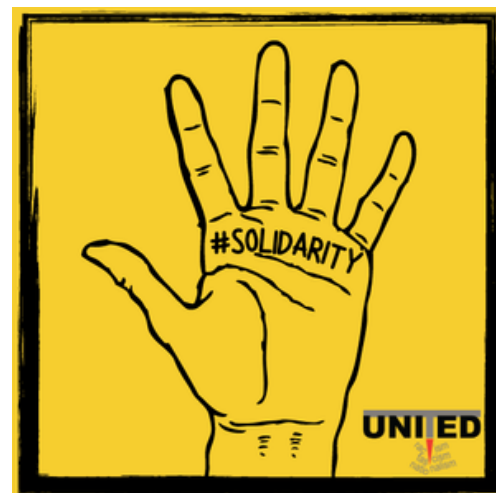
Action Week against Racism

21 MARCH

16-22 March - European Action Week Against Racism 2021

Every year, UNITED coordinates a weeklong Europe-wide campaign around 21 March to protest against all forms of racism and discrimination, and celebrate the diversity that enriches European societies.

In 2021 the slogan for the European Action Week Against Racism was Limitless solidarity, with the accompanying hashtags #LIMITLESS.SOLIDARITY and #SOLIDARITY. Taking place from 16th to 21th March, we encouraged individuals, collectives, organisations and institutions all across Europe to find things that unite us, to celebrate diversity and to stand firm against racism and xenophobia.



As 2021 was full of challenges for everyone and we were aware that it might be difficult to organise any offline action, we called our community to microvolunteer.

What is microvolunteering?

We have all been in the familiar situation of needing help, and having a close family member or friend to ask for help. However, there are many who don't have this option. This is where you come in – you can microvolunteer and make someone's day a little bit better.

Microvolunteering is volunteering done in palatable, bite-sized chunks. It's donating little bits of your time when and where you can, from wherever you are at, to contribute to a worthy cause. It's more than retweeting a tweet, reposting a hashtag, signing a petition, taking a photo, or attending a webinar. It's seeing someone in distress and offering help, it's taking out the trash when your neighbour is sick, volunteering to share food, signing up at a hospital to donate blood. Anything with a good intention counts. It's actions on a micro-scale, that with enough time and enough numbers, build up to something grander and larger.

With the help of the initiative we could engage a high number of like-minded people, who believe that racism and xenophobia has no place in our world. We believe that these actions, which are sometimes invisible for us can contribute to the change in our society.

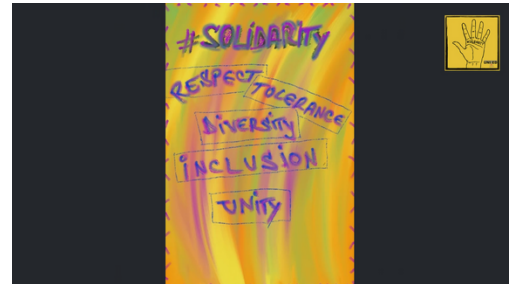
Our supporters applied to concept of microvolunteering to their work liberally. Examples included art contests, books, and talks, anything to help people critically engage with the topic, and bear the concept of anti-racism in mind.

Some examples are below:

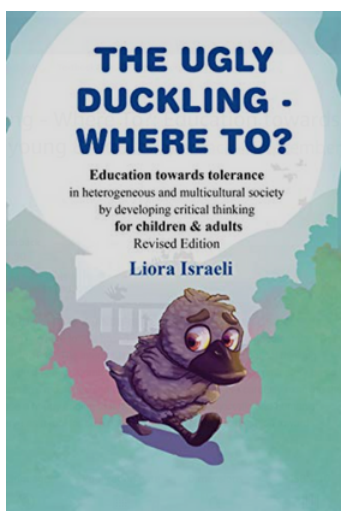
Highlights

Learn, Listen, Act! - Economic College Virgil Madgearu, Ploiesti, Romania

Created by students, the video features spoken and written messages against racism and messages of solidarity and unity. The video is also part of the campaign A spring of solidarity, initiated by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights



The Ugly Duckling - Where To? - Education Towards Tolerance - Booklet by Liora Israeli



An author shares her re-examination of the old childhood tale of H. C. Andersen's The Ugly Duckling (1844). "The Ugly Duckling – Where To? – Education Towards Tolerance" is a book, which can be ordered online, that retells the racist basic concept hidden in the tale, and aims at developing critical thinking and at assimilating liberal values among its readers (9 years old to 90+) .

The readers of The Ugly Duckling – Where To? are invited to examine carefully H. C. Anderson's original story and to invent/choose a Happy Ending which follows the democratic values of the 21 century.

DENMARK - "STÅ SAMMEN MOD RACISME OG DISKRIMINATION"

In Odense, Denmark, the event "Stå sammen mod racisme og diskrimination" was held during the week against racism. This event was a demonstration that promoted #Solidarity to the world's 80 million refugees and displaced persons, to fight for Equal rights and opportunities for all, to stop the normalization of the far right and racism and to get close to so many other subjects, which must concern all of us. Speakers involved were Susanne Crawley, Meho Selman, Reza Javid, Ibrahim El-Hassan, Moha Zaid, Ingeborg Ellegård among others. Participation was also possible online.

Check out our report here.: <https://unitedfia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ARW-report-2021-UNITED.pdf>

WEBINAR: A CONVERSATION ABOUT CRITICAL WHITENESS, UNITED FOR INTERCULTURAL ACTION

UNITED for Intercultural Action invited people to engage in a conversation on Critical Whiteness during a two-hour, online webinar. The premise to this webinar was:

Can you turn on the TV and see people of your race widely represented? Then you hold one of the many white privileges Peggy McIntosh listed in 1989. Those of us socialized as white have been brought up thinking we are free of race. We were not taught to recognize how racism affects marginalized people in our society and how white people benefit from it. And neither have we been taught what racism actually is – a construct of power and ideology. Therefore, many white people feel uncomfortable talking about race or racism.

How can we deal with such feelings?
What does it mean to hold privilege?
And where do we go from here?

Several experts shared their knowledge and experiences on the topic. Afterwards, the audience was invited to ask questions in a panel discussion. The conversation focused on important topics, such as white fragility and privilege.

The webinar can be watched here:

<https://www.facebook.com/UNITEDforInterculturalAction/videos/457466312232028>



UNESCO - GLOBAL FORUM AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

A Global Forum against racism and discrimination was held on the 22nd of March, hosted by UNESCO. The event composed of four panels and gathered representatives of Member States, experts, NGO communities, civil society, foundations, the private sector and media.

- How to establish anti-racist policies: policymakers at the forefront of the global fight against racism
- How to deconstruct racism to construct an anti-racist culture: examining new forms of racism,
- How to promote a gender-transformative approach: fighting stereotypes, prejudices and discriminations
- How to cultivate a global multi-stakeholder anti-racism partnership: enhancing intercultural dialogue, inclusion and diversity.

Speakers among other were Audrey Azoulay-Director-General of UNESCO, Choi Jongmoon-Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Republic of Korea, Gabriela Ramos-Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, Mohammed Al Kaabi- Minister of Culture and Youth United Arab Emirates, Elisabeth Moreno-Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister responsible for Equality between Women and Men, Choi Young-ae- Chairperson National Human Rights Commission Republic of Korea, Robert Livingston- Lecturer at Harvard University, Melissa Bell-CNN.



“NOT IN OUR WORLD”



On the eve of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 2021 all 18 Turkish Airlines EuroLeague teams wore messages opposing racial discrimination on playing jerseys, warmup shirts in games from Tuesday through Friday and they shout NOT IN OUR WORLD.

The clubs are making their voices heard and they are promoting #Solidarity.Limitless #Solidarity.

Their campaign was based on these slogans:

- Fighting against racism.
- Fighting against discrimination.
- Fighting against inequality.
- Fighting against intolerance.

Watch the ad here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DD_t2EmOy80

International Day against Facism and Antisemitism

9 NOVEMBER

After this particularly difficult period, where expected solidarity in world leadership, we saw leaders using the crisis to their own gain, with emergency measures not in the interest of public health, but in the interest of exerting control. This tacit facism was a grim reminder particularly on the 9th of November, of all that can happen if left unchecked.

9 November 2018 marked the 80th anniversary of the 'Kristallnacht' pogrom in 1938 in Germany and Austria, turning the discrimination against Jews that started in 1933 to a systematic persecution, which culminated in the Holocaust merely three years later. Today, racist, fascist and Neo-Nazi movements are on the rise all over Europe, hunting and assaulting migrants, Muslims, Jews, Roma, LGBTQ-activists, people living with disabilities and other minorities, using rallies as a cover-up for their hate-crimes.

On the 9th of November, International Day against Fascism and Antisemitism our campaign #FromHateToHope started and lasted until the 10th of December, Human Rights Day. With this campaign our aim was to educate people, highlight patterns between the past and now, and share our hopes for a better future. As part of the campaign, we asked members of the network to contribute their 'messages of hope', which we received in various forms, such as paintings and poems.

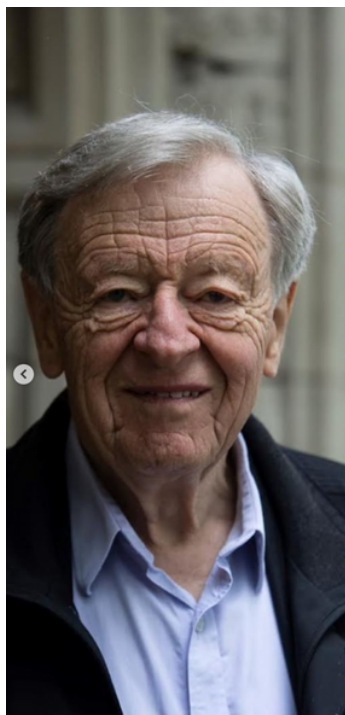
We could reach a high number of various people expressing their solidarity and hope for a better world, and raise their voices in the framework of the campaign sharing their messages of hope. These messages helped our community and we do believe that those in need as well, to make us believe that our action matter, solidarity is not lost and

Some highlights of our campaign in 2021:



Conversation on anti-fascism

9 NOVEMBER



Lord Alf Dubs is a Labour politician and leading refugee rights advocate.

Formerly the MP for Battersea and Director of the Refugee Council, Alf was appointed as a Labour life peer in 1994.

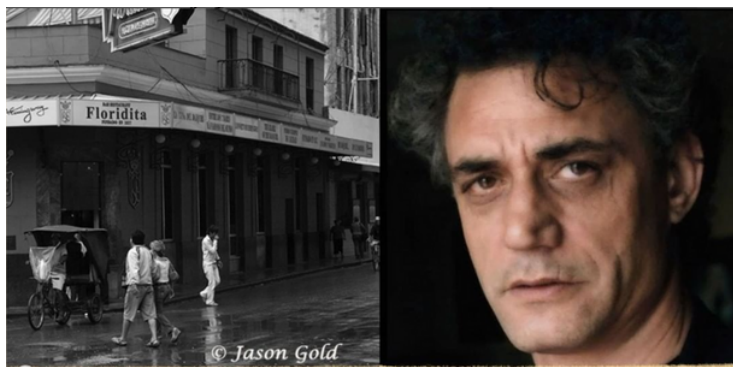
In 2016, he sponsored an amendment to the Immigration Act 2016 to offer some unaccompanied refugee children stranded in camps in Europe safe passage to Britain, having himself arrived in Britain in 1939 as a six-year-old refugee fleeing the Nazis in Czechoslovakia.

Alf is now campaigning alongside Safe Passage to encourage the government to accept 10,000 unaccompanied refugee children over the next 10 years.

During the campaign, we organised a series of conversations with people with a long-standing history with anti-fascism: Lord Alf Dubs, Marietta Herfort and Jason Gold.

The conversations were held over Zoom, livestreamed on Facebook, and will be uploaded onto our YouTube channel.

The network was invited to watch, participate and send in questions.



Jason Gold has been a photographer for over 40 years. His work has covered the anti-apartheid movement, the campaign for nuclear disarmament and the labor strikes and industrial disputes occurring during this time, and his work has appeared in both UK publications and international outlets. In 1992, he left London to cover the wars in Yugoslavia, travelling throughout each of the country's former republics, seeing his photos published in the Times, The Independent, and The Guardian as well as by Getty Images.

Originally from the UK, he has been based in Montenegro since 1997, and works as a photographer and writer for domestic left-leaning newspapers and news portals in Montenegro. He is also the co-founder of the Labour Party UK Central Europe Branch, and the founder of the Montenegro International Alliance, an online news portal to build international solidarity among the left in the region.



Marietta Herfort is the director of the Phiren Amencia International Network, which is a network of Roma and non-Roma volunteers and voluntary service organizations. Marietta is currently responsible for the management, coordination and representation of the network. In the previous five years her tasks were to manage and coordinate activities including the organization's international mobility and educational programs on topics such as: human rights, discrimination and antigypsyism, Roma history, democracy and youth policy, Roma history, the Roma Holocaust or resistance. Marietta is active in human rights education and community organizing and working on building a dialogue between young people and decision-makers.

We shared lots of important information about fascism and human rights, both in a historical and a current perspective. We collected movies, documentaries and books about human rights and fascism, which can be reached through our website.

Read more in our report here:
<https://unitedfia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/9-November-10-December-Campaign-report-2021-UNITED-1.pdf>

STORYTELLING - BIBLIOTECA JUDEȚEANĂ „ALEXANDRU D. XENOPOL” ARAD

For the 9th of November, Day against Fascism and Antisemitism, the library Județeană „Alexandru D. Xenopol” Arad released a video as part of their project "5 Minutes of Reading a Story". In the video, they read from the book 'Janusz Korczak and the Last Journey', by Irène Cohen-Janca.

The book tells the Dr. Janusz Korczak, a story about courage, determination and, above all, respect for children and childhood. We think this is a great example of introducing children to human rights in a creative way.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES - GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BAČKI PETROVAC, SERBIA

Inspired by UNITED's campaign around the Day against Fascism and Antisemitism, the history club of the grammar school Gymnázium Jána Kollára so žiackym domovom from Bački Petrovac (Serbia), realized an activity.

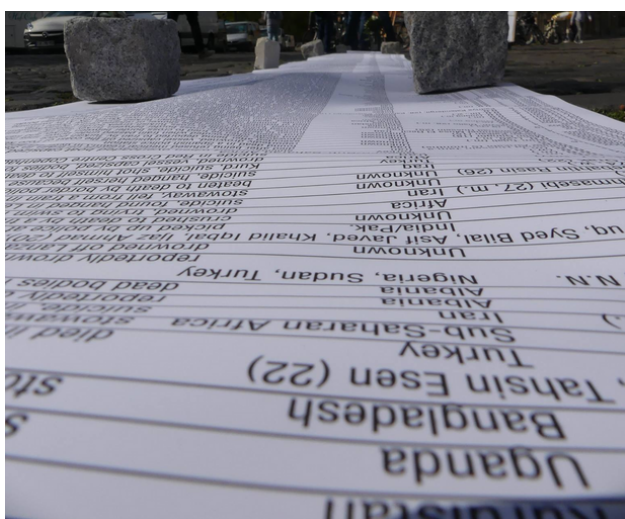
Local students spread educational and campaign material on the premises of the high school. The book tells the Dr. Janusz Korczak, a story about courage, determination and, above all, respect for children and childhood. We think this is a great example of introducing children to human rights in a creative way. Members of the history club also updated their cover photos on social media, marking the 9th November anniversary, trying to reach a wider audience outside the school. As a follow-up activity, the students organized a movie screening where they watched suitable content at the high school's facilities

The Fatal Policies of Fortress Europe

REFUGEE LIVES MATTER - 44,764 REFUGEE DEATHS AT THE EUROPEAN BORDERS

2021 marked the 20th anniversary of the World Refugee Day, marked on June 20.

Since 1993, the UNITED List of Refugee Deaths has recorded the reported cases of deaths of more than 44,764 refugees and migrants who have died due to the restrictive policies of Fortress Europe whilst trying to get into Europe.



The causes of death are numerous: most drowned in the Mediterranean. Others were shot at borders, killed by traffickers, committed suicide at the detentions centers out of desperation, depression, and anxiety, or were killed after being deported to their countries of origin. Among them: babies, children, teenagers, (pregnant) women, and men, whole families. The List of Deaths is free for anyone to download from our website and use, mentioning UNITED for Intercultural Action, as source.

During June 2021 UNITED ran a social media campaign focusing on how inspiring activists use the list and how it can be creatively used offline and online to call attention to the situation of the refugees and their situation in Europe.

Among others in 2021 the List of Refugee Deaths was used in the following ways:



Werkstatt Gruppe Politik

In Münster, on the occasion of World Refugee Day, June 20th, Werkstatt Gruppe Politik held a public vigil to commemorate the people who died while trying to reach Europe. They unrolled UNITED's List of Refugee Deaths on Sunday, June 20th, between 2 and 5pm.

FUGATO

The concert FUGATO - Forbidden Tones: A Concert with refugees used the list for a 'Requiem for N.N.'. The result was an impressive but haunting musical piece remembering those who have lost their lives. You can find the full video on YouTube searching "FUGATO - Requiem for N.N.".

Seebrücke Essen

On the occasion of World Refugee Day 2021, Seebrücke Essen demonstrated against the Fortress Europe together with Flüchtlingsrat Essen e.V. and other initiatives. They commemorated the countless people who died while trying to reach Europe. As part of their action, they printed parts of UNITED's List of Refugee Deaths on large banners.

MiGreat

MiGreat built an incredible monument to commemorate the 44,764 people who died because of European migration policies. Many volunteers wrote the entries of the list on wooden planks. These were then displayed on the beach of Scheveningen, the Netherlands.

Beim Namen Nennen

In Switzerland, many actions were organised as part of the campaign Beim Namen Nennen. In various cities, volunteers wrote the name and circumstances of the people on the list on strips of fabric and hung them on strings in public areas. In some cities, the names of the deceased were read out 24 hours a day, alternated by music, words, silence or performances. In various churches, memorial services were held.

Bizi Mugi and SOS Racismo

The associations Bizi Mugi (France) and SOS Racismo (Spain) organised an action in Hendaye. They were accompanied by the captain of the Aita Mari, a rescue ship active in the Mediterranean. The activists denounced the deaths on the migration routes and paid tribute to a young Ivorian, Yaya Karamoko, who Mare Nostrum - Humans - Not Numbers In a live stream called NECROPOLIS, the burial place of several people on the list was retraced and a dialogue on the subject was held. There was also a video about the List of Refugee Deaths at the end of the stream. The stream was hosted by PimOff. drowned a month ago in the Bidassoa (a river between Spain and France). Prior to the action, they gave the UNITED List of Refugee Deaths to a Syrian artist, a refugee in France, who produced a large painted Fresco. A Basque dance was performed in front of the fresco.

You can read more in our report here: <https://unitedfia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/World-refugee-day-report-2021-UNITED.pdf>

Conferences

In 2021 UNITED organised 2 international conferences: one online and one in Hungary. Our two topics were: online privacy and well-being of youth workers.

Invitations for the conferences are sent out to as many as 10.000 organizations and participants are chosen according to specific profiles. The conferences are prepared by collaborating with the International Preparatory Group which takes care to create a programme suited to the needs and wishes of the participants.



MY PRIVACY - YOUR SAFETY

As in 2020 we spent more time online more than ever. Based on these experience and lessons, UNITED held a conference about online privacy and safety and about how to control our digital footprint. Human rights defenders are exposed to attacks and being bullied also online – and this opportunity can even encourage attackers.

The project was aimed to share the possessed knowledge about privacy and human rights in the virtual world for young people. The project was a skills development project combined with collaborative work. During the project UNITED prepared a Manual about online privacy and safety with the help of young people participating in the project. UNITED implemented the conference online, for 3 different participant groups in 3 sessions.

The participating young people could improve their knowledge about human rights, a special topic as young people's rights in the digital environment and developed their media literacy. Participants took the knowledge to their organisations which will serve the support of young people in access to their rights and will raise awareness and improve skills in terms of protecting their privacy.

By being able to defend ourselves and be cautious, our actions combating discrimination and hate speech will reach our audience, will promote equality and inclusion and we will be safer in the online world. Creating a safer work environment for the activists will improve our effectiveness and efficiency aimed at protecting and vindicating other young people's rights. As the online world has no borders, it is essential to share the existing knowledge on every possible level.

Please read our Manual here: <https://unitedfia.org/privacy/chapter-1-introduction/overall-context/>



ONLINE PRIVACY
Do you know enough?

Let's make it better – Mentoring youth workers

This training was designed to develop the quality of anti-racist youth work by mentoring youth workers engaged in anti-racist activities. Youth workers often lack the space, the time and the instruments to reflect on themselves and their work, especially with the help of professionals. Those engaged in anti-racist activities also face additional problems: they are often exposed to hate speech and hate crimes themselves, which they must be able to handle. Besides, new challenges, studies and resources pop up constantly and youth workers need to stay updated. Those working in the field often highlight the need for training on these topics. This training will be a great opportunity to improve existing and acquire new skills.

During the training young youth workers could reflect on themselves, their career, and the difficulties faced during their work. They learned about new methodologies and tools, shared their experiences with other participants and with the facilitators. Additionally they created a personal development plan for the future. Beside the personal development, participants also created a database of accessible self-reflection and development methods for youth workers, which is accessible on our site.

Please click here to read our report about the conference:
<https://unitedfia.org/2021/12/06/lets-make-it-better-mentoring-youth-workers-activity-report/?fbclid=IwAR03n8TM3YW0VeeoIVhuEti1FZGQWEKsibEbqDCjOIEAI2v5IRZV4KQvewp>



Delegations

In 2021, the UNITED network sent delegates to a total of 66 international conferences, meetings, and events. During these events, UNITED representatives made new connections with key stakeholders, strengthened the networks' visibility, and were key advocates for the European anti-racist movement.

A highlight of our Delegations in 2021:

- Antisemitism and Holocaust education in Europe: sharing knowhow, by Human Rights Institute
- World Social Forum 2021: Assembly for the ecologic space, organised by UNITED and Prague Spring 2 towards WSF 2021
- Germany: a model for coming to terms with the past?, by Israeli Council on Foreign Relations
- Online hate: diversification of platforms, regulation and research. Where are we going?, by Institute of Study of Contemporary Antisemitism
- Fundamental rights, the rule of law and the post-covid-19 recovery, by European and Economic Social Committee
- Solidarity. Limitless, by Stiftung Gegen Rassismus
- Roma youth conference: from emancipation to empowerment, by Council of Europe and European Youth Centre for International Roma Day
- A conversation about critical whiteness, by UNITED
- Fight against digital gender violence and hate speech
- Protection from racial discrimination and related intolerance, by Council of Europe
- The new EU Roma framework: views and expectation for the future of the Roma communities, by European Economic and Social Committee
- EU Pact on Migration and Asylum: conversation with European Commission Vice President Schinas, by British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- Conference of the NGOs 2021
- European pillar of social rights action plan, by European Economic and Social Committee
- Building a meaningful and functioning New Pact on Migration and Asylum, by European Economic and Social Committee
- Theater Mittelmeer monologue, Bein Namen Nennen, Theatre play
- 44000 namen, Event in Scheveningen (Netherlands) in occasion of 20th June organized by Migreat

- Raising awareness and combating human trafficking, by Human Rights Education Associates in occasion on World Day against Trafficking in Persons
- Volunteers – Citizens building the future of Europe, by European Economic and Social Committee
- The power of experiential learning & non-formal education, by UNITED
- European regional forum on conflict prevention and the protection of the human rights of minorities, by Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues Dr. Fernand de Verennes
- We can – Understand and counter hate speech
- From pandemic to recovery: challenges and best practices in migration management
- Fundamental rights and the rule of law – Civil society perspective on the European rule of law mechanism, by European Economic and Social Committee
- European forum of left, green and progressive forces, by European Forum, Brussels (Belgium)
- OSCE parallel civil society conference 2021, by Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Projects

3in1 Training course project

3in1 is a training course project which aims to increase knowledge, skills and experiences over innovative trends, and gives a contribution to improve capacity of youth work and youth organisations.

Experiential learning methods are used in the project with participants from Turkey, Armenia, Czechia, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Portugal, Romania and Spain.

Plogging, upcycling and gamification concepts are processed with theoretical and practical studies in the project with the theme of youth work, non-formal and informal learning, strategies are developed in behalf of using these learned trends in youth work. During the project, studies are carried out on searching new different trends and bringing them into the youth work, too. By these studies, support will be done for diversity of youth work and developing youth policies.

Chapter – challenging propaganda through remembrance

Since 2014 Europe is in fact facing the worst humanitarian crisis of refugees since World War II (WWII), the majority of them fleeing from Syria and Libya, while the economic crisis has been causing cuts to social inclusion, education and healthcare programmes.

Populist groups' media depicts third-country nationals as exploiters of the welfare system while criminalizing civil society organizations in solidarity, thus fuelling social tensions into organized violence against people and institutions. An in-depth analysis shows that current propaganda roots in methodologies and tools developed under totalitarian regimes. Nazism and Fascism emphasized those features characterizing the public discourse during World War I and its aftermath such as nationalism, hatred of the enemy and dehumanization: all of that contributed to lay the groundwork for WWII.

The Chapter – Challenging propaganda through remembrance project is aiming at casting a light on propaganda before and during WWII, focusing on its role to enforce the concept of “enemy” – from national and ethnic groups to political opponents and social groups.

The research on nazi-fascist propaganda is meant to be actualized also in the present, when a mix of migration and economic crisis brought to an increase in xenophobic and populist trends all over Europe. It also wants to draw attention also on the role of grassroots media and peace organizations in challenging propaganda through innovative communication methodologies and tools, both in the past and present.

Project outputs – such as researches, infographics, an online campaign – will be realized by participants who will act as Remembrance messengers, in order to relate past events to current trends through different activities taking place in Italy, Bulgaria, Greece, Austria, Poland and Catalunya.

It is a project of Servizio Civile Internazionale Italia in partnership with CVS Bulgaria, SCI Hellas, SCI Austria, SCI Catalunya, OWA Poland, SCI France, Utilapu (Hungary), SCI Germany, UNITED (Hungary), Centro Studi Sereno Regis (Italy) and DINAMO (Italy) and co-financed by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union.

Read more about the project and the outcomes of the project on the [Chapter project website!](#)

EU-Pact on Asylum and Migration

UNITED for Intercultural Action started cooperating with five other European non-governmental institutions from Germany, Italy, Croatia, Poland and Portugal to work on a project on the EU-Pact on Asylum and Migration.

All the NGOs involved, them being BORDERLINE-EUROPE, MENSCHENRECHTE OHNE GRENZEN VEREIN (GER), Borderline Sicilia Onlus (IT), Association “PANK – Active Independent Creative’s Platform” (CR), STOWARZYSZENIE INTERWENCJI PRAWNEJ (PL), HUBB – HUMANS BEFORE BORDERS ASSOCIATION (PO) and UNITED for Intercultural Action (HUN) have consolidated to work together towards the pact on Asylum and migration from a human rights perspective.

All organisations bring their experience and range in their home countries which will help the civilian society to obtain a more comprehensible basis in order to engage more in the public discussion and process themselves.

This close cooperation made it possible to gain an insight into the complexity of the decision-making process and the contradictions and supported the goal of promoting national and transnational civil society structures and activities.

The individual NGOs were closely following the specific discussion process in their respective countries as well as at the European level and constantly exchanging information and insights with the other partners. Eventually the results were presented in public statements, on various social media channels and during events.

In March 2022 UNITED hosts the Human Rights Fair, an event created in order for the civil sector to be able to meet the decision makers. For this purpose we invited politicians and representatives of institutions to discuss the future of Hungary and Human Rights with a special focus on the EU-Asylum-Pact and spread information about the specific role of Hungary in the EU-migration agenda, as well as the relevance of the civil society activities in times of populism and national egoism. UNITED also helped to organise other webinars and conferences in the partner countries.

For more information you may visit the [website of BORDERLINE-EUROPE Germany](#).

IPEAH – Informal Participatory Education on Antisemitism and Holocaust

For the last few years, there has been an undeniable rise of antisemitism all across the European continent, including increased anti-semitic violence and the emergence of neo-nazi political parties. A 2018 survey by the EU's Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) on experiences and perceptions of antisemitism in Europe found out that 89% of Jews living in 13 European countries feel antisemitism has increased in their country over the past decade, while 85% believed it to be a serious problem. This elevated hatred against the Jewish people only got worse during the pandemic, as protesters against the COVID-19 measures are prone to have an anti-semitic narrative.

Considering that these far-right, racist movements are likely to influence the fragile minds of the youth, a proper education on antisemitism and Holocaust is more than important to subvert the status quo. Formal education is already being put in place to educate young people about the gravity of the situation, but it has its inevitable limitations. Meeting with Holocaust survivors and other traditional forms of face-to-face education is powerful but will no longer be possible or will require too much resources, hence making them a difficult road to take; this is exactly where IPEAH comes into place as an alternative approach to educate the European youth in a more innovative and creative way. Now is the time where projects like IPEAH are needed more than ever.

In February of 2021 UNITED for Intercultural Action announced the launching of a new project that we took part in, in collaboration with Institut Ludských Prav – Human Rights Institute (Czech Republic) and SOS Razzismo Italia (Italy) – IPEAH (Informal Participatory Education on Antisemitism and Holocaust). A pilot project created to test new hatreds to remember Holocaust and fight against antisemitism and racist hatred, IPEAH will aim at becoming a blueprint of a new innovative educational program on Antisemitism and Holocaust that many European countries could adopt.

As a pilot project, IPEAH is firstly planning to focus on the young people of Slovakia as its target audience, with an age group ranging from 14 to 19 years old. As a country with a complex history of the Holocaust and growing support for the neo-nazi party in parliament, where 25% of first-time voters voted for the neo-nazi party in previous elections, Slovakia qualifies as a perfect country to mark the beginning of our initiative. Once the first attempt has been made with Slovakian youth, we are planning to expand our target audience to other European countries.

Considering that today's youth is a digitally literate generation whose exposure to content and information is almost exclusively limited to social media platforms, IPEAH intends to exploit the potential of the online sphere and bring accessible, personalized, and participatory training activities. This will allow us not only to reach a wider audience but also significantly contribute to cost saving as well.

No Hate Speech Movement

UNITED has played a key role in the Council of Europe's "No Hate Speech Movement" campaign since its inception. UNITED representatives on the CoE's Advisory Council on Youth were vital to the establishment of the project, which was partly inspired by UNITED's study session "Step In! Be active against racist propaganda and hate speech online", which took place at the Youth Centre of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg in 2012. Since then, UNITED representatives have taken key roles in coordinating the campaign, and many NHSM activists have also taken part in UNITED campaigns and conferences. UNITED organised a further CoE study session on the topic, "(Re)Act for equal opportunities online and offline" in Strasbourg in 2015.

About the Campaign:

Internet offers us the possibility to create, publish, distribute and consume media content fostering therefore a space of full participation, engagement and self-expression. With the development of social networks we all can participate in cyberspace in a variety of ways ranging from keeping in touch with your friends and developing new contacts to sharing content and exploring your self-expression.

This online space gives us new opportunities: engaging with others for causes that we care for. But we may equally be victim and agent of abuse and human rights violations, among them, hate speech in various forms and cyberbullying. The online world is not without values either. Hate speech* as such is not a new issue on the Internet, nor in the human rights debate. Its online dimension and the potential damage on democratic processes gives us all new reasons to act.

“Hate speech, as defined by the Council of Europe, covers all forms of expression which spread, incite, promote or justify racial hatred, xenophobia, anti-Semitism 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.”

The Campaign is part of the project Young People Combating Hate Speech Online running between 2012 and 2014. The project stands for equality, dignity, human rights and diversity. It is a project against hate speech, racism and discrimination in their online expression.

The working methods are awareness raising, advocacy, and it also seeks for creative solutions. It is a project for action and intervention. The project equips young people and youth organisations with the competences necessary to recognize and act against such human rights violations.

The whole project is a tribute to youth participation and co-management. It was born from a proposal of the youth representatives of the Advisory Council on Youth and was endorsed by the Joint Council on Youth, which brings together the members of the Advisory Council on Youth and the governmental youth representatives of the European Steering Committee on Youth. For more details on the project you can visit the Campaign coordination site.

U4EU

“Youth Debating the Future of Europe” (U4EU) giving voice to young citizens about the future of Europe!

The U4EU project aims to encourage the democratic and civic participation of young citizens in Greece, Bulgaria, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Belgium and the Netherlands, and to help them express their concerns and visions about the European Union.

The project is co-funded by the Europe to Citizens Programme of the European Union.

Find more information at the U4EU website.

Reasons behind the project

In the last years a number of events took place across Europe and have challenged the founding values of the European Union: the Eurozone crisis, the refugee crisis and Brexit have led to an increase in Euroscepticism.

As a consequence of the harsh situations that Europe faces, it is time both for young people, who are tomorrow's citizens, to get actively involved in the process of strengthening the European consciousness regarding the European Union and its future and for the EU to take into consideration these voices and adapt their policies accordingly.

The project tends therefore to give voice to young people from nine different European countries and provide them with the opportunity to express their views and concerns to the public sphere, to exchange their ideas, to produce their own suggestions and to generate a multicultural community dialogue concerning the future of Europe.



Thank you all!



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An important note

2021 was a hard year for everyone in terms of plans' realization. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, we had to carry out our activities in an online space. Despite everything, we did our best to maintain the quality of our programs, ensure the relevancy of activities and keep up our own path.

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