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INTRODUCTION



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Our world changes every day. Rapid development of informational technologies, globalization of economics, political integration of Europe all together make us closer to each other and also helps us to understand that events happening in different parts of the world apply to us.

But globalization of the world, universalization of its rules and norms have their reverse side. Europe has lived without wars and shocks for decades. But the last years fed reflection. Regional wars, ethnical disorders, threats of terrorism are just a part of the challenges and questions, to which Europe, young people of our countries have to find adequate answers.

What should be the correlation of freedom and security, commitment to common European values and national, religious identity, manageability of society and participation of citizens in making decisions?

The modern situation in Europe makes everyone think about future, its fate is in our hands, in the hands of young people that are not indifferent to what kind of Europe we all will see tomorrow.

It is particularly for these reasons why **the Council of Europe** collaborating with **the European Commission** and **the European Youth Forum** began the Campaign under the slogan “All Different – All Equal”, which defends the key conception of the development of the continent: commitment to the idea of diversity, respect and defense of human rights and also the call to active youth participation in social life at all levels

The first European Youth Campaign under the slogan “All Different – All Equal” was held by the Council of Europe in 1995, in the year of 50th anniversary of the termination of the World War II. At that time the “All Different – All Equal” Campaign was targeted on the struggle against racism, anti-semitism, xenophobia and intolerance.

In 2005 it was decided, however, that the Campaign had to go further, developing and adding something new to the ideas of the Campaign 1995. Attention was drawn to **the necessity to support social participation of young people**, the importance of **education in the field of human rights**, and overcoming of discrimination towards any group of society.

What does the slogan “All Different – All Equal”, which now can be heard in almost all European languages, **mean?** All people in the huge world are different, for example they look



different and practice different religions. But still all they need to be provided with equal rights. Decisions that determine possibilities and rights of young people have to be taken with their active participation.

The Campaign's aim is to show all young people that it is they who have to influence their future, **the future of their country and the whole Europe**. Thanks to the Campaign, which was joined by hundreds of thousands of young people all over the European continent from Island to Azerbaijan, from Norway to Greece, everyone has to feel that every day his words and actions at school, in a university, at work, in the street of his city can influence happy future not only of his family and friends, but of the whole Europe, the multiethnic, multicultural continent with rich past and common present.

The Russian Federation is a **multiethnic country**, and on its territory **the representatives of different cultures and religions** have been living together for hundreds of years. The Russian Federation has been always conducting the policy of tolerance and respect towards the rights of all population. Russia has been taken an active part in the **“All Different – All Equal”** Campaign since the very beginning in February 2006. The National Campaign Committee was formed in Russia as like as in many other European countries. The Committee includes the representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency of Education, the National Youth Council of Russia, youth organizations of all kinds and interests.

The National Youth Council of Russia has initiated a number of European activities, supported by the Directorate of Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe, the European Youth Foundation and the European Youth Forum. The project of implementation of the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life at the national level is being realized. A decision to use national languages in work of European structures was made.

This booklet is the first edition of publications about the implementation of the **“All Different – All Equal”** Campaign in European countries, it is a joint project carried out with the European Youth Foundation. On behalf of all participants of the project I want to thank for their collaboration the governing body of the Foundation, all the National Campaign Committees, which took part in its development and which every day promote ideas of tolerant, just and democratic society.

I hope that our joint work will contribute to the development of mutual understanding between European countries and nationalities, building of Europe, where rights of every person and nation are be respected, Europe without dividing lines, double standards, political, national and religious stereotypes.



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The Campaign in Armenia

Diversity, human rights and participation – these are words that convey the key idea and the basis of the Campaign “All different – all equal”. These concepts and values, that inspired us for new ideas, touched some old and new problems and have stimulated the new European Youth Campaign. Everybody tried to understand the meaning of these words and to realize that they have in them both the problem and the way to solve them. Undoubtedly, the situation has been quite the same in Armenia, when young people got to know about the Campaign. The reactions were quite different and it turned out to be evident that we need to do something to discuss the multiple opinions and to reveal the most actual points. We decided to create an institution that would coordinate all the work, ideas and actions in the framework of the Campaign.

Work of the NCC in Armenia

The NCC in Armenia was founded in February, 2006 and it comprises governmental and non-governmental structures. The Committee includes the Ministry of Youth and Culture, the Youth Events Centre, the National Youth Council of Armenia, the Fund “Panarmenian international youth centre”, the All-Armenian Youth Fund, Association of Young Women of Armenia, the Federation of Youth Clubs of Armenia, Association of the Young Lawyers and Ecologists of Armenia, the Youth Social and Law Support Centre, the Armenian Association of disabled people “Punic”, “The School of young leaders” Project, the Youth Organization “Paros”. The committee is collaborating with local and regional organizations that are interested in the Campaign’s projects as well.

The Ministry of Youth and Culture as well as the European Youth Fund are the main partners of the Campaign, which finance and support the Campaign in Armenia. The NCC of Armenia is collaborating with the Informational Office of the Council of Europe in Armenia.

The organizations that are members of the Committee have run and are planning series of projects as a part of the Campaign at the local and international level. All these projects prove that there still exists the need to discuss the topics of the Campaign in the Armenian context. Multiple changes have recently occurred in Armenia, where still a certain resistance towards the key principals of the Campaign does exist. These principals are perceived from a different, local point of view.

It is natural that in every country that is a member of the Council of Europe we put a special emphasis on an agenda of the “All Different – All Equal” Campaign. This emphasis is determined by the problems that are on the surface in a country at the moment.

It is urgent to run campaigns against racism and intolerance in many European countries where a lot of national minorities live, but in Armenia racism is not the urgent problem, because 98% of the population of the country is Armenian. In comparison to this there is a great disconnection between the capital and rural youngsters.

One of the main goals of the youth policy in Armenia as well as the aim of the NCC is the raise of participation of those young people living in regions of the country in the creation of civil society.

The “All Different – All Equal” Campaign is the sure and open space for young people that enables them to think over these topics, to discuss





it and exchange their views and ideas. The aim of the NCC in Armenia at local and international level is the creation of this very space. For this particular reason the NCC spreads information about different international events, which happen in Europe. Thus the NCC supports young Armenians and encourages them to take part in these programs and share their experience and ideas. The NCC always tries its best to nominate young people of different origins, professions, those who have different experience, views and interests, etc. for participation in some international programs. The NCC of Armenia has its own website as well www.armyouthcenter.am where one can find the main information about the Campaign and the NCC's work in the Armenian and English languages.

News about the Campaign's projects is covered as well in media, especially in youth papers "We, You, They" and "A New Point Of View" and in the youth TV-project "The Generation of Independence".

Projects held in Armenia in framework of "All Different – All Equal" Campaign

The NCC of Armenia together with member organisations has realized series of projects as a part of the Campaign during the 2006 year. The projects were very different: local and international ones, exhibitions, training courses on the Campaign's topics, seminars on the experience exchange, etc. It is important to note that in 2006 we've published the Armenian translation of "COMPASS". It is planned to run the long-term educational course on human rights in Armenia using "COMPASS" in 2007.

The Ministry of Youth and Culture chose the topics of the Campaign as the first-priority directions in the grant program of supporting youth non-governmental organizations in 2007. This proves the need to continue the "All Different – All Equal" Campaign.

The main goal of the project is organization of the coordinating campaign during the parliamentary elections in Armenia and stimulating the active participation of young people in the democratic process. The project is targeted on the youth leaders of Armenia and Georgia and

representatives of the Council of Europe that will be interested in it.

The project aims at the preparation of young leaders that will become those who spread and advocate the active participation in the political life of their country by providing young people of the neighboring countries with the new knowledge about the elective mechanisms and methods and involving them into the coordinative mission during the parliamentary elections in the Armenian Republic. These will encourage young people to participate in social life actively.

Project of the Association of Young Women of Armenia "Education on human rights through the puppet show for young people"

The project aims at raising the awareness of vulnerable groups of the population in the field of human rights, rights of women, civil society and the European Youth "All Different – All Equal" Campaign. During the year 2007 the association has already produced 3 plays: "Red Riding Hood", "Genzel and Gretel", "Gulliver's adventures". The texts of the classic plays were changed for more modern ones that convey the principals of European Convention on Human Rights and the spirit of the principals of the Council of Europe.

Here is an extract of the play:

Woolf: I will eat you, Red Riding Hood!

Red Riding Hood: You don't have a right! According to the article 3 of the Convention on Human Rights everyone has a right for life, freedom and personal immunity...





The puppet show has been on tour in many towns and villages in the regions of the country. It gave those young people who live far from the capital and regional centers, representatives of various social groups the opportunity to visit the puppet show for the first time and take the active part in its work making questions to the personages and giving answers to the questions that were raised by the actors. Those young people who participate in the play are not professional actors; they are members of the association who have some work experience in the field of human rights using the “COMPASS” educational book. Our plays were visited by more than 1000 people from 18 to 30 years old. The audience was able to learn the Convention on human rights and women rights in the informal atmosphere without any professors and lectures and to get information about the “All Different – All Equal” Campaign, which is provided by the author in the beginning of the performance. During the whole play protagonists of the play put emphasis on its importance. The work of the puppet show found a great response in young people, who visited the plays actively and displayed a wide interest towards the Campaign, which proves positive results of our work. The Association wants to create a permanent puppet show. We are working on some new plays that we’ll show all around Armenia.

The closing of the Campaign in Armenia

We are planning to hold the official closing ceremony as it will be done in many other countries, this will take place as a part of the conference “Young people – Reality – Perspectives”. The project is aimed at raising of awareness about the youth social life, supporting and encouraging of the collaboration of different governmental bodies, youth non-governmental organizations and international organizations. The conference includes two parts: the exhibition of the youth NGO, international organizations, communities of the national minorities, student councils, projects that were carried out as a part of the Campaign and workshops on the topics of the Campaign, evaluation of its work and its potential prolongation.

You can find the information about the Campaign and the work of the NCC in Armenian and English on the web site of the NCC of Armenia www.armyouthcenter.am.

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The Campaign in Azerbaijan

European Youth Campaign 2006-2007 aims at encouraging and enabling young people to participate in building peaceful societies, based on diversity and inclusion, awareness and engagement.

The work of the NCC in Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan National Campaign Committee (NCC) management is comprised of Azerbaijan Core Group (decisional), Secretariat (executive body), NCC members (youth movements & organizations, youth initiative groups, etc.). Azerbaijan Core Group co-management includes Mr. Intigam Babayev, Deputy Minister on Youth Affairs of the Ministry of Youth and Sport, Mr. Farhad Hajiyev, head of Youth Department of the Ministry Youth and Sport, Mr. Ilham Madatov, head of International Department of the Ministry Youth and Sport and Pervana Mammadova, chairwoman of YUVA Humanitarian Center.

NCC members are YUVA Humanitarian Center, National Assembly of Youth Organizations (NAYORA), Azerbaijan Youth Euro-Atlantic Organization, Azerbaijan-American Youth Social Association, JEF Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan Youth and Development Center, IRELI Youth Movement of Azerbaijan Republic, Azerbaijan Volunteer Union, AEGEE-Baki, Azerbaijan-European Union Youth Cooperation Organization, Bridge to Future Public Union (Ganja), Shams Young Women Center (Mingechevir), Yaddash Public Union (Sheki), Women and Modern World Social and Charitable Center (Shemakha).

Stereotypes, communication and understanding, culture, identity, exclusion, isolation and gender youth issues, human rights, inter-religious and intercultural dialogue, disability and globalization are the issues and priority areas that the Campaign that works rural/urban.

Projects held in Azerbaijan in framework of “All Different – All Equal” Campaign

The main area of the activities is educational (international and local training courses, seminars, etc.), promotion/marketing (presentations, publications, working with mass-media) and participation.

Strategic partners of the Campaign are governmental structures, members of parliament, international agencies, civil society (donors, representatives of culture, religion, business), mass-media, local youth organizations and community based initiatives. The governmental structures are the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan, members of Parliament, the local authorities of different regions of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education. More than 18 mass media representatives including local TV channels were invited to different activities on the Campaign and they contributed to the promotion at the local level by publicizing information.

Planned activities for this year are educational ones (training, seminars and conferences), festivals, publications of the materials, street actions and rally.

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A different person is just different, but not worse...

There is one very simple school of producing Azerbaijan carpets among different classic ones, its name is "gurama", which means a patchwork carpet. It is a patchwork blanket, which is made of equal square pieces of different colors and patterns that are sewed together or woven. This is a sort of a beautiful kaleidoscope we can admire for hours.

I am sure that if we would ascend on a balloon or a plain we could see the real gurama, created by Nature, made of forests and mountains, running from our sight, sharply delineated square pieces of villages, settlements, towns.

Now I am sitting in a training-room and while preparing myself for the tomorrow's program I am contemplating a huge poster of the European Youth "All different – all equal" Campaign and I am thinking that if I was offered to invent my own logo, I would make it in the form of a gurama without a moment's hesitation.

All these equal patches of the same form but so different in their patterns form such a harmony! If you just try to change one piece for another or put a white piece of cloth on its place everything will be immediately destroyed.

The diversity of our society is the reminiscent of that of the patches. Societies differ in their lifestyles, languages, customs, and it is very frightening to imagine that everything could be just opposite – identical.

I am looking at the first part of the slogan: "ALL DIFFERENT". It says here that the highest meaning of our existence is in diversity? This very thing includes our treasure and beauty. What happiness it is that we are different!

Praise be to the Architect of the Universe (to whom we refer differently) that he created us so different and capable to understand it!

But from time to time our conscious falls ill with the self-admiration and we begin to think that we are the best, the most beautiful, because we are white, in comparison to those who are black...

This loftiness was many times decreased by the wisdom and mind of peoples.

The main manifestation of this wisdom, according to my opinion, was the fact that we didn't "conquer" Nature of our region but "run into" it, an eminent Russian poet Lermontov wrote about it.

Traditions, customs, experience of the prior generations were the main regulator of social life. And all these things form criteria that differ from nation to nation, from village to village, and neighboring villages should respect each other's traditions. And these things are again different, glory to Allah!

Modern world doesn't give us scope for diversity any more. People eat the same products, they watch the same TV, follow the same fashion in clothes and hairstyles and they dance in the same way and sing the same songs...

But let us refer to the second part of the slogan: "ALL EQUAL".

But if the first part is a Godsend present, is given by Nature, the second part depends on us completely, depends on our up-bringing, our resistance to manipulations from the

behalf of politicians. And this area provides a wide space for work, especially with young people.

Politicians and ideologists altogether have been doing a bad thing for ages (and even centuries sometimes) and they managed to disunite people psychologically, to create national, ideological, religious and cultural barriers between them. Thus, groups of people and even nations began to have a psychological need in an enemy!

It is not easy for everyone to overcome stereotypes, cliches and terrible myths and realize that differences do not disunite people, they do actively unite us.

Only a very free person is ready to accept another culture of those who live somewhere near or far from his place and not refusing his or her own culture. It can help us to realize our affinity with the humanity in its unique diversity.

But how can we reach it? Only with the help of contacts, discussions, overcoming our isolation and estrangement.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery called communication between people the most valuable thing in the world.

The art of communication creates harmony in our society.

For this very reason a guest is such an honorable person in Azerbaijan's culture and hospitality is a very important part of the national mentality.

"A guest is a person sent by Allah", "I won't wish my enemy that a guest will never cross his threshold!" – these proverbs convey the life credo of every Azarbaijanian: his readiness to communicate and accept any person, tolerance towards any culture and any religion.

And this is not simply words, the settlements of Molocans, Old Believers that ran away from Russia because of Peter the First's persecution, can serve as a good example of these things. They ran away to the South Caucasus and settled down not in Christian Armenia and Georgia, but in Muslim Azerbaijan. They have been preserving there traditions for years and they even managed to do it during the atheistic Soviet period. I always refer to this example at trainings.

There are many positive examples, but the situation is not an ideal one and we must accept it.

If the situation with the national minorities is more or less stable, that with the sexual minorities, disabled people and women needs to be worked on seriously.

The majority of our society thinks that we have to take care of disabled people giving them presents, providing humanitarian support, increasing their allowances, etc.

But even members of our municipal councils don't understand that we need to give them opportunities to work and earn money themselves, to provide appropriate conditions to make them able to move around the city.

It is good that the Ministry of Youth and Sports has finally realized it and joined the Campaign. Concerts, round tables, meetings and even my tomorrow's training will bear fruit.

I hope that Allah will give me an opportunity to see them. To see the time when all people will be different and equal!

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The work of the NCC in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The National Committee of the Campaign in Bosnia and Herzegovina was established in June 2006 as an initiative of the Local Democracy Agency of Mostar. The NCC was joined by the following organizations: the Local Democracy Agency of Mostar (www.ldamostar.org), the Commission for coordination of youth issues of Bosnia and Herzegovina (www.mladi.gov.ba), Initiative 21 (<http://www.inicijativa21.ba>), the Association of Builders of peace (www.graditeljimira.org).

The Local Democracy Agency of Mostar functions as a secretariat of the National Campaign Committee in Bosnia and Herzegovina and ensures proper communication with other members.

Projects held in Bosnia and Herzegovina in framework of “All Different – All Equal” Campaign

Main direction of the NCC work is supporting organizations that implement or intend to implement activities within the Campaign by providing expert input and logistics. Main actions of the Campaign can be presented as awareness raising and training events.

Youth cooperation and networking within LDA Partnership-Supporting the “All Different-All Equal” Campaign objectives. 4 days, Training Course, including 26 participants from 9 countries

Training course was aimed at providing youth leaders from the LDA partner regions (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, FYR Macedonia, Italy, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia – including Kosovo) with competences in youth activism, related to the “All Different All Equal” Campaign objectives. It covered the issues of Strategic planning, Organizational management, Campaign and Event management, youth participation, Advocacy and Lobbying in connection to the “All Different - All Equal” Campaign objectives. Methodology which was applied was based on Council of Europe’s educational materials (COMPASS, “All Different - All Equal” Education Pack, Domino, T-Kits).

The projects had some specific objectives:

- To provide 26 youth leaders from different youth groups with competencies in addressing the issues of personal development, human and minority rights, youth participation,
- To create and develop European network of youth leaders which will be facilitated and supported through the LDA Partnership,
- To exchange experiences and examples of good practice applied by youth organizations in the LDA partner regions regarding youth participation.

The venue of Mostar city is chosen because of the past conflict and division that still exists among people, as well as all negative manifestations of nationalism, xenophobia, which very often end in violence. But at the same time the Old Bridge of Mostar city symbolizes reconstructed bonds of two river banks and two ethnic groups, but they are still not stable and need to be strengthened and further developed. Yet, that model should be applied in the whole region of former Yugoslavia. (Participating NGOs from SEE).



The training course covered the following issues: organizational skills, the Campaign management, event management, communication methods and models, presentation skills, strategic planning of the network development & its sustainability, advocacy, lobbying and multiplying.

**Diversity in A.C.T.I.O.N.
The 14-day youth exchange
for 40 young men from 9 countries
implemented by the Association of
Builders of Peace.**

The themes of the exchange are ACTION with active participation and contribution of young people to protection and preservation of both national and European cultural heritage, as well as of European diversity through Art, Culture, Tradition, Identity, Openness to New (ideas, contacts, knowledge etc.)

It was aimed at making young participants aware of cultural differences and similarities especially in the context of enlarging Europe; making South East European countries closer; breaking down prejudices and stereotypes, opening new horizons towards each other, meeting half way to joint future. The content of the project, which was held in the form of a summer camp, gave the concrete product of joint work, and painted out different colors of European cultures & cooperation.

It was realized through different workshops:

- Music & dance workshop - through which young participants explored both traditional and popular music and dances, how they change in time, and present the way traditions are cherished in their countries, and prepared a concert and a dance show. They were free to choose the style of their presentation.

- Theatre workshop - this group used theatre techniques to present images on the issue "How we live(d)". Since the group included youngsters from different cultures, it was left up to them to decide how to compose a single performance to present stories from all countries/cultures youngsters in the group represent.

- Arts & crafts workshop - this group had a topic to work on, which was "Symbolism". Using various materials, youngsters in this group presented common symbols which were used in their countries, and tried to get acquainted with the ones used in other countries as well, explore the meanings, but without tracing the path to the origins. They organized themselves an exhibition of their works, and made one joint peace, which consisted of all the symbols with the meaning they gave them.

- The workshop which related to promotion of UN Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage – which consisted of presentation, lecture and field visits to Godu a and Lukomir, places where traditional Bosnian life style and traditional handicrafts are still being cherished.

- The workshop on human rights with special emphasize on cultural rights.

During this youth exchange we applied the methodology which was based on "learning by doing", since young people from seven countries have lived and worked together for 14 days. They had the opportunity for personal development in natural intercultural environment, without any simulations or artificial situations.

This project was designed as a pilot phase of the "All Different - All Equal" Campaign, and in its follow-up (reunion is to take place in Germany or/ and Poland in 2007) it is aimed at connecting the NCCs of seven countries involved in this phase.





The Peace Activist Caravan “Peace under Construction”

**30-day regional bus-tour implemented by
U.G. „Zašto ne“ for 70 participants
from 7 countries.**

The Regional peace activist caravan “Peace Under Construction” was an activity of the Regional Network for Conscientious Objection in the region of South East Europe „Objection for Peace“, it includes organizations dealing with peace, demilitarization and conscientious objection in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Youth organization “Zasto Ne”), Serbia and Montenegro, Macedonia and Albania. The goal of the Caravan is to bring the ideas of conscientious objection, pacifism, antimilitarism, non-violence and culture of peace closer to the general public of the region in a new, activist and creative way. Besides that, with the joined work of all activists, friends and co-workers of the regional network and the Caravan, we want to show that young people of the region share common values even with people living in foreign countries.

The main goals of the Caravan are:

- Promotion of the work on demilitarization
- Strengthening the culture of peace
- Creating trust and links between people
- Campaigning for regional abolishment of conscription and creating and strengthening of activist and artist groups in the region.

These goals will be focused on through all the activities during the Caravan and during all follow-up activities that will be held.

The main elements of the program were: open-air activities, street actions, food not bombs, peace exhibitions, creative artistic workshops, comic – art, “open” radio, DJ workshops, hip-hop workshops, juggling and fire-juggling, peace billboards, inside activities, projections of movies, round tables and presentations, slam poetry.

The Caravan was a 15 day activity going through Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania and Macedonia.



It started on the 1st of May and end on 15th of May, International day of Conscientious objection. Some 60 activists, artists, members of different creative groups from 6 countries participated in the Caravan.

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The work of the NCC in Bulgaria

The National Campaign Committee in Bulgaria was established on 19th January 2006. Our country was one of the first among CoE members where the NCC was created. Over 80 representatives of youth NGO's, representatives of the state institutions, local authorities, as well as representatives of the mass media from all over the country took part in the constituted meeting. The NCC is supported by the Government in the face of the State Agency for Youth and Sports.

In 2006 the Committee concentrated its activity mainly on popularizing the Campaign around the country, ranging a maximum number of young people, including representatives from different ethnical, religious, social and other groups. We fulfilled a number of initiatives and involved one of the most popular media of the country, the Bulgarian National Television, as a partner in the Campaign to achieve this goal.

Projects held in Bulgaria in framework of “All Different – All Equal” Campaign

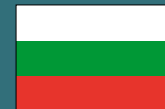
Together with the youth volunteers, youth workers, NGO's representatives, media, institutions and organizations that work on youth problems the NCC managed to include in the Campaign representatives of the cultural and show business elite. The members of one of the most famous RAP groups in Bulgaria, “Romanetza & Enchev”, became missionaries of the Campaign and produced a special song “ALL FOR ONE”. This song is a kind of an anthem of the Campaign, it includes lyrics in Bulgarian, Romanian, Greek, Turkish, Macedonian and English.

“All different – all equal” CD

The elaboration of the musical compilation “All different – all equal” was one of the key activities for 2006. Songs by well-known artists from all the Balkan countries (Greece, Macedonia, Turkey, Serbia, Romania and Albania) were included in this CD. They also took part in a big concert in the centre of Sofia. The CD was produced in 6000 copies and distributed all over the country. This CD met a wide response in Europe where it was distributed during the Opening Ceremony of the Campaign in June 2006 in Strasbourg. Generally, we were inspired by the idea to present the Balkan diversity (ethical, religious and cultural) in Europe by bringing together at one place and time young musicians from different countries.

The creation of the CD was a very successful experience during the Campaign in Bulgaria because it brought up together singers from very different countries and religions that accepted the challenge to play their music together on one scene in the centre of Sofia. We chose the way of music to express the diversity among people and together with this to present the common way of communication among people. We succeeded in gathering thousands of youngsters with different origins, representatives of various religions and cultures together.

In searching of ways to make young people more tolerant and respectful to those who are different we recommend all our friends, NCCs members and organizations that are included in the Campaign as well as those people who adopt “All Different – All Equal” elements of diversity, human rights and participation to seek for a very simple way of reaching different minds and trying to get them very close to the ideas they hold and believe in.



Besides the musical compilation the NCC initiated creation of a special film about the Campaign, in which young people from different ethnic and religious groups from all over the country took part. The film was shown on the Bulgarian National Television as our goal was to give an opportunity to the Bulgarian youth to express their opinion publicly and to present their views on fight with acts of intolerance in our society.

Series of training courses and “oath activities” of the NCC in Bulgaria

The integrative parts of the activities of the NCC in 2006 were series of training courses that we organized in 17 regions of the country together with the European Informational Centre in Veliko Tarnovo: training for equality; intercultural training; training for tolerance; democratic citizenship and human rights. The goal of the trainings was to make young people gain knowledge and practical skills on the topics of the Campaign, as well as to instigate youth to take part in decision – making process at the local level. The National Youth Conference held in November 2006 in Veliko Tarnovo became the original end of the series of activities.

The NCC produced and distributed a large number of advertising products and visuals: posters, booklets, stickers, balloons, CD’s, caps and T-shirts. The NCC in Bulgaria managed to involve sponsors in the Campaign: one of three mobile operators, VIVATEL, as well as the company that produces HISAR mineral water.



An essential part of the State Agency for Youth and Sports’s activities for supporting the Campaign in the country was the start of the project of suggesting initiatives regarding the goals of the Campaign on the Program for youth activities 2006 – 2007. Among the already finished projects there were: “School of Tolerance” of the “Dialogue for tolerance 2006” Foundation, European Youth Meeting of “Institute of the European Law” Foundation, “All Different but Not Indifferent” of the “Balkan Youth Festival – the Youth of The Balkans”.

A musical show “All Different – All Equal” was organized in Sofia on the 8th of December, 2006. It was implemented with the active participation of the “Starry Start of Talents” Foundation. Our representatives took part in the symposia carried out in Saint-Petersburg in September 2006, “Difference, Participation and Human Rights”, in Budapest in October 2006, “European Forum for Difference”, as well as in all meetings of the National Committees of the Campaign of the countries that are members of Council of Europe in 2006.

In support of the Campaign in the country in 2007 the State Agency for Youth and Sports will open again a competition for project suggestions relevant to the Campaign on Program of youth activities 2006 – 2007.

Some of the main activities that we plan for 2007 are: Youth Festival on the occasion of June 1st, the Child Day, together with the Foundation “Starry Start of Talents” where youth talents from different ethnic minorities are going to be introduced, producing DVD, starting a website of the Campaign, popularizing the Campaign through distribution of different advertising materials, preparation of Youth Happening on the occasion of the International Youth Day August 12th.

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The work of the NCC in Estonia

The National Campaign Committee in Estonia was founded in May 2006. It involves institutions which were competent and related with the themes of the Campaign and which were able to support activities of the Campaign. There are 14 institutions represented in the National Committee, including Non-Estonian's Integration Foundation, Estonian Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Social Affairs, Program "Youth in Action" Estonian Bureau, European Movement "Estonia", powerhouse as responsible for European Initiative "For Diversity – Against Discrimination", Youth Association "Here", National Institute for Health Development, Estonian Institute of Human Rights, Tallinn's Information Service of Council of Europe, UNICEF Estonia, Estonian National Youth Council, and Youth Parliament of Narva.

Estonian Youth Work Center is the institution responsible for implementing the Campaign in Estonia, which is the governmental institution for coordinating implementation of Estonian youth policy.

The Committee gathers as soon as there is a need. There is one meeting in two months usually.

The Committee and Estonian Youth Work Center organize work of the Campaign: buy and spread the Campaign's materials, collect and spread information about events in the framework of the Campaign.

Members of the Campaign write articles for the mass media, especially for the youth

work paper, covering themes of Human Rights, Diversity and Participation. They also introduce the Campaign in different meetings of youth workers, including training courses, briefings, etc.

Projects held in Estonia in framework of "All Different – All Equal" Campaign

Our representatives participate in different international activities in the framework of the Campaign, including meetings of the National Campaign Committees, training courses, seminars, symposiums and conferences. For example we took part in the Symposium on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue in Youth Work Practice, which was held in Istanbul in March 2007.

Living Library as a method of spreading knowledge in Estonia

We put into practice the Living Library as a method of spreading knowledge about differences and understanding of diversity. For the first time the Living Library was opened for readers in autumn 2006 during the Word Day celebration in Tallinn. The second time the Living Library was opened in Viljandi on March 2007 in the framework of the Young Town's Festival "The Blue Week". During the





year 2007 the Living Library will be opened several times as a workshop on different events for young people, for example on Children Protection Day, International Youth Day, European Day, etc. Also there have done an agreement about using this method even when the Campaign is finished.

**School peace program.
“Differences make life exciting” and
training courses.**

There are activities related with the “School Peace” program in the framework of the Campaign, the program itself aims at spreading understanding of tolerance and differences, accepting diversity. The biggest project named “Differences make a life exciting” is carried out in cooperation with different youth and youth work organizations, the project contains introduction and short training courses for pupils about preventing persecution at school.

There are different training courses on human rights, diversity and participation. For example international training courses organized by the NGO Teajectomy “How do we handle diversity?” and Estonian National Youth Council “Take Part with Heart: Modern Ways of Youth Participation”.

Slogans of the Campaign were roped during the celebration of Gay Pride in 2006. In 2007 the Gay Pride will be held under the slogan “All Equal – All Different”.

Estonia tries to participate in international projects in the framework of the Campaign, including making posters together with the NCCs of Nordic Countries, the country also participates in the “Earth” Project and in the Graffiti project planned for the future.

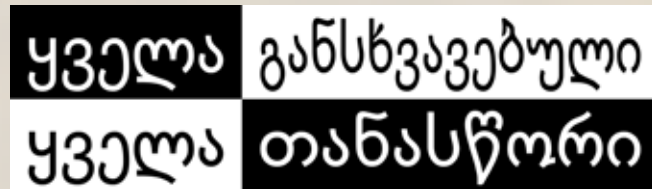
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The work of the NCC in Georgia

Up to now there is no NCC officially established in Georgia by a responsible state structure, but in practice, there is the coordinating organization that took the leadership in coordinating the activities at the national level. The functions of the Coordinating organization differ a little bit from the NCC functions, and there is no structural division. The functions of the Campaign Coordinating Organization (CCO) are:

- To keep contacts with all interested youth organizations,
- To facilitate the group work of those interested in the Campaign,
- To act as a bridge between the Secretariat of the Campaign and the youth organizations at the national level and etc.

The "Century 21" Union was nominated as the Campaign Coordinator Organization (not as a NCC which should be established upon a decree of a relevant state structure) since July 2006 when participating in the official launching ceremony in Strasbourg and accordingly took part in the 2nd NCCs' meeting. Firstly the "Century 21" Union, represented by Ms. Khatuna Tsintsadze, applied to the Secretariat of the Campaign with the proposal to act as the CCO in Georgia, which was positively responded. Thus we are to fulfill the functions of the CCO.

In order to coordinate the Campaign's activities in Georgia effectively, the "Century 21" Union does not/could not act individually but in strong cooperation with local, national youth NGOs, relevant governmental structures, motivated individuals, etc.

On the 5th of December, 2006 the 1st working meeting of those governmental and non-governmental structures and organizations

that are interested in the Campaign launching in Georgia and cooperation for the common aim was held. The meeting was hosted by the Office of the Public Defender of Georgia. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the non-governmental organizations (youth organizations as well as those with strong youth divisions) and the representatives of the governmental structures (ministries and parliamentary committees). Totally fourteen non-governmental organizations and four governmental structures were represented at the meeting.

The organisations that formed the Working Committee of the Campaign are:

- The "Century 21" Union, Campaign Coordinator Organization in Georgia
- Young Republican Institute
- The Inclusive Foundation
- The Foundation for Development of Human Resources
- The Youth Association "Droni"
- Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia
- The Parliamentarian Committee on European Integration, Parliament of Georgia
- The International "Ertoba" Union
- "The Student-Youth Council SYC"
- "The Academy for Peace and Development"
- The "Atinati" Association
- The Youth Center "Sunny House"
- The Youth Network Against Discrimination and Intolerance
- The Parliamentarian Committee on Human Rights and Civil Integration
- The Office of Public Defender of Georgia
- The Georgian Young Lawyers Association
- Youth for Civil Development
- ICCN



We aim to reach all young people throughout Georgia, but particularly those with various minority backgrounds. We would like to make The Campaign accessible for everyone interested in joining it.

**Projects held in Georgia
in framework of
“All Different – All Equal” Campaign**

We place a strong emphasis on the raising of awareness and education, both formal and informal; we believe in empowerment and lobby; we hope to see many coalitions of civil society and public authorities. One of the ways to fulfil our aims is to conduct the informational campaign throughout Georgia. For this purpose we’ve started to work on our first joint activity – Graffiti project covering as many cities as possible. The following activities will be implemented during the project as a supplementary activity of the Graffiti project:

- Street action on the main street: 5 to 10 people from the organising committee will walk in the street with informational materials to distribute them among people, talk with them about the Campaign and hand out the invitation cards for the graffiti activities;
- Informational Campaign which will include sending press releases for media with the program of the activities, producing big banners that will be posted in the main streets a few weeks before the event, invitations sent out to all organizations/institutions, informative materials (T-shirts, stickers, balloons, various accessories, and posters);

- Graffiti and/or painting on the wall, which is located on the Europe Square in the central district of Tbilisi and will be used for permanent work. Graffiti and/or painting on the wall/street in different regions. Later this painting will be spread at the international level. Although the other paintings on removable desks will be included in the materials produced about the project;
- Open air concert for young people;
- Body art on the themes of the Campaign;
- Puzzles on the of the Campaign for young people;
- Video clips (max. 1, 5 minutes) on the theme of the Campaign or about the Campaign itself will be produced and shown on the public television throughout Georgia;
- “Living library”;
- Radio and TV programs dedicated to the Campaign’s topics;
- A professional camera man will produce a short film about the activity.

We are very motivated to cooperate with other NCCs from all European countries, but particularly with the NCCs from Eastern Europe. In our work for the implementation of the Campaign we are inspired by the successful work done by our colleagues from other countries and it keeps us moving forward, overcoming obstacles and promoting the idea of being different, proud and equal.

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The work of the NCC in Hungary

The National Campaign Committee in Hungary (NCC) was set up in September 2006 and is composed of the representatives of Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (which is the ministry responsible for youth policy), the representative of the National Youth Conference (GYIK) and that of the Mobilitas National Youth Service.

Projects held in Hungary in framework of “All Different – All Equal” Campaign

The first call for application in the framework of the Campaign was addressed to NGOs in order to realize so-called democracy projects aiming at raising awareness and promoting tolerance, diversity, human rights and participation.

More than hundred projects realized from April till December 2006 were funded by the ministry responsible for youth policy.

Equal Opportunities Summer and Winter Youth Camps 2006

The five-day Equal Opportunities Summer and Winter Youth Camps in Zánka (Lake Balaton, Hungary) (organized by the ministry responsible for youth policy since 2002) provided a great opportunity for 700 disadvantaged and disabled children from 10 to 14 years old to get to know each other, to negotiate differences and to learn how to accept diversity.

COMPASS project

Within the framework of the Council of Europe’s Human Rights Education Youth Program the Mobilitas, the Hungarian National Youth Service in cooperation with the European Youth Centre in Budapest (EYCB) coordinate a complex

COMPASS – pilot project containing trainings for youth workers/teachers aiming at fostering local initiatives and promoting human rights education.

In the first part of the pilot project 7 regional projects were realized by the previously trained COMPASS – trainers (youth workers/teachers) in 2006. In the second part the participants of the regional projects should carry out local projects and activities with the involvement of young people aged 16-24 years.

During the whole project a special emphasis will be placed on the rights of the Roma.

“All Different – All Equal” Education pack and promo materials

Hungary translated and tries to promote the handbook of the Council of Europe on the methods and activities for informal intercultural education connected to the Campaign called “Education pack”. The NCC also produces T-shirts, bracelets, pens, etc. with the ADAE logo that we spread at small local events.

«Step into colorful societies»

It is a long – term training course for multipliers on cultural diversity in the local and regional youth fields implemented by the Hungarian NCC in the framework of the Campaign.

The main aim of the TC is to train youth workers, youth leaders to make them able to multiply human rights in the youth field with the emphasis on cultural diversity and active participation of young people with the use of informal methodology and modern technologies. We also want to raise awareness and develop attitudes in connection to cultural diversity, to develop understanding and skills of using informal methods in human rights education at



the local, regional and international level, to focus on mainly respecting cultural diversity all over Europe and overseas. Cultural diversities lay in lifestyles, traditions, histories, gender, education, belonging to minorities (traditional sexual ones as well as new minorities of young people). Our goal is to build a human rights multiply network formed by youth leaders and youth workers who will establish and implement human rights youth projects with the emphasis on cultural diversity at local and regional level and to cooperate together at the international level.

The Kárász Association, which organized the Training Course, was established in 2000 as an informal group. Our members organize different events, training courses, youth exchanges, youth initiatives from this time with support of different host organizations. We are working at the regional level in the South Plain region of Hungary. Our main target group is young people, youth leaders and youth workers. We try to develop less experienced organizations in our region as well. We implement training courses and workshops on human rights, support youth initiatives and international youth exchanges (supported by Program Youth) using human rights education. Our main themes are cultural diversity and equal opportunities. We decided to establish the official body as a NGO in 2004.

It has three phases of the LTTC:

Phase I: Training course in Hungary, April 13 – 23, 2007.

Phase II: Practice period May 2007 – December 2007 with the activities held by participants within the European “All different – all equal” Youth Campaign.

Phase III: 2nd Training course in February 2008 (the exact date and the venue will be announced later).

The main learning objectives of the first training course are:

- To enable youth workers and young people to recognize prejudgments and prejudices towards nationalities inside and outside of different countries
- To identify and define different and similar aspects of different cultures and stereotypes related with them
- To identify and define the roots and origins of prejudices and to develop critical way of thinking
- To teach youth workers to motivate young people to become active participants in a process of acceptance of cultural diversity
- To prepare, run and evaluate local, regional and international youth projects by young people for accepting cultural diversity inside and outside different countries
- To build cooperation among youth workers.

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The work of the NCC in Moldova

In the Republic of Moldova the European “All Different – All Equal” Youth Campaign started with the establishment of the National Campaign Committee alongside the Ministry of Education and Youth on May 15, 2006, through the Minister’s Decree.

Members of the NCC, totally 24, are the representatives of Ministries, the State Department for Interethnic Relations, the Informational Bureau of the Council of Europe in Moldova, youth networks and NGO, both at the local and national level. The NCC in Moldova meets quarterly and in between the meetings the members of the Secretariat inform the members of the NCC about the activities that are unfolded.

During the first meetings we elaborated the Concept of the Campaign in accordance with problems of discrimination that exist in Moldova, the Strategy and the National Action Plan which included all the activities that partners planned to unfold.

The Official launch of the Campaign

Officially the Campaign was launched on the 19th of July 2006. Representatives from Ministry of Education and Youth, the National Youth Council of Moldova, the Information Bureau of Council of Europe in Moldova and the Young Journalist Center, members of the NCC, launched officially the European Youth “All Different – All Equal” Campaign in the Republic

of Moldova by presenting the official webpage www.alldifferent-allequal.md ADAE Campaign in Moldova (on this page one can find the full list of the members of the NCC, Strategy and Concept, National Action Plan informational materials, logo of the Campaign).

The main contribution in the launch of the Campaign was done by Ministry of Education and Youth, thus each organization has contributed with logistical support and their volunteer time.

Projects held in Moldova in framework of “All Different – All Equal” Campaign

A big success of the Youth “All Different - All Equal” Campaign, which captivated the attention of hundreds of young people from Moldova and abroad, was the flash cartoon movie with the main character “GRINNY” who is proving to his colleagues that even if he looks different they are equal.

The following activities were the concert of the 2nd Scout’s Jamboree on the 19th of July, in which more than 600 young people from all over the country took part, and launching of the Campaign in different cities of Moldova (Cahul, Comrat, etc.).

Promoting diversity, human rights and participation.

After the launch of the Campaign as it was included in the National Action Plan all the partners involved in the NCC unfolded and planned many



other action (seminars, national and international round tables, trainings, sport competitions, TV and Radio events, spots events, etc.) in order to promote the diversity and human rights, to raise awareness on the necessity to create the interreligious and interethnic dialogue, and to increase youth participation in promoting peace.

In the beginning of 2007 the Consortium for promotion of nondiscrimination was created in Moldova. The aims are to elaborate and promote the adoption of the nondiscrimination policy and internationally compatible positive practices in Moldova, and to raise awareness of the society on the needs and situations of discrimination in Moldova.

Members of the Consortium are youth NGOs working in the field of youth work, human rights, protection of the rights of the Roma ethnic group and rights of the LGBT (Gay, lesbian, Bisexuals and Transgender) community.

By the end of 2007 we plan to elaborate and propose to the Parliament the Law on nondiscrimination in Moldova.

What is next?

Youth NGO's in Moldova are actively involved in promotion of the logo, principals and aims of the Campaign, raising awareness of tolerance,



interrelations and interethnic dialogue. There is a good cooperation with the Government in further developing actions and joint projects in order to fight against intolerance and discrimination as well.

Main activities in the framework of the European Youth Campaign “All Different – All Equal” developed in the Republic of Moldova

Press Conference of the Campaign Launch
July, 19 2006

In the framework of the Press conference, representatives from the Ministry of Education and Youth of the Republic of Moldova, Information Bureau of the Council of Europe in Moldova, National Youth Council and Young Journalist Centre from Moldova, members of the National Committee for the Campaign (NCC), have officially launched the Campaign.

Creation and launch of the Campaign's web-site
July 19, 2006

www.alldifferent-allequal.md – is the official web site of the “All different – all equal” campaign in Moldova. Here one can find official documents of the Campaign (Strategy and Action Plan), pictures, surveys, links to the Campaign's web pages in other countries, etc.

Flash movie
July 19, 2006

A flash movie promoting diversity in Moldova has been elaborated.

<http://www.alldifferent-allequal.md/images/stories/news/tdte.swf> - the link that during two weeks was sent via e-mail to at least 9000 e-mail addresses. Up till now the movie was downloaded from the site by 890 persons. The majority of them are young people from Moldova (63,21%), but also from Romania (24,24%), the United States of America (8,19%), Great Britain (2,6%) and other European countries including EU member states (1,74%).



Promotional materials

July 19, 2006

500 stickers, 200 t-shirts, 200 caps, 500 envelopes and 500 cups with the Campaign's logo were printed for promotion of the Campaign.

Launch Concert and THE Second National Scouts Jamboree

July 19, 2006

In the forest near Scoreni village, r. Ialoveni, a Concert with participation of formations Nuța, Zbânts and Snails and more than 500 scouts from all over the country was organized.

Human Rights Festival in Căușeni

July 22, 2006

A festival with a round table on human rights observance in Moldova with participation of various youth organizations and a concert in the centre of Căușeni town was organized.

Campaign's launch in Comrat

July 26, 2006

A cultural-artistic activity in the Cultural Palace dedicated to the launch of the Campaign. More artistic collectives presenting diversity of traditions of Moldovan, Gagauz and Bulgarian people participated in the activity's framework.

"The Prosperity Alliance 2006" Cup

August 11 – 13, 2006

A new edition of the Social Football tour for Children „Prosperity Cup 2006” organized by the Cultural Foundation „Prosperity Alliance” and the Ministry of Education and Youth of the Republic of Moldova. The event was dedicated to children under 13 years old (75% from Moldova) and took place in Vadul lui Vodă. Teams from Moldova, România, Ucraina, Franța, Azerbaidjan, Serbia, Turcia, Belarusia (total 40 teams: 34 from Moldova and 6 from other countries) found themselves in the centre of Europe, taking part in a youth exchange. Totally, 112 games have been held.

Young Roma in Cahul

August 11 – 13, 2006

The NGO “Our Court” (dealing with protection and social inclusion of national minorities in Moldova) organized an international Conference “together with young Roma” in Cahul town. The Conference was held in the framework of the

European campaign “All different – all equal”. One of its key subjects was Moldova's adhering to the Decade of Roma people inclusion – a pan-European initiative of governments from Hungary, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro and Slovak Republic, targeting improvement of Roma situation (more information on www.romadecade.org).

Independence Day Concert

August 27, 2006

On the 27-th of August – the Independence Day of the Republic of Moldova – organization of a Concert with the support of the Ministry of Education and Youth with participation of a Ukrainian band “Okean Elzi”. The festive programme included promotion of the Campaign's principles and offering special places to young people with disabilities.

The fourth meeting of Roma children network

September 2-3, 2006

The topic of the meeting was “Social status, social family, school”. In its framework, members of the network selected and prepared local activities for the period September-October 2006:

- Football match “All different – all equal”, Ursari village, rayon Calarasi;
- TVC “My Identity”, Parcani village, Calarasi rayon;
- Non-formal meeting with Scouts group from Ciocilteni village, Orhei;
- A Roma history class for school pupils, Gribova village, Drochia;
- A Roma history class for school pupils, Hincesti.

International Conference organized by JEF (Young European Federalists) Moldova

September 18, 2006

Agenda of the International Conference with the topic of European Integration that gathered representatives from 8 European countries, included presentation of the “All different – all equal campaign” in the Republic of Moldova – concept, strategy and main activities.

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The activities by the National Campaign Committee of Russian federation

In February 2006 the National Youth Council of Russia on the request of the Ministry of Education and science of Russian Federation has created a National Committee of the Campaign "All Different – All Equal" aimed at coordination of the activities implemented by the

Today the National Campaign Committee of Russia (NCC) includes more than 40 representatives from Ministries and governmental bodies, public associations, human rights groups and other organisations which work on the topics of the Campaign: diversity, human rights and participation (Ministry of Education and Science of Russian Federation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Ministry of Regional Development, Federal Agency on Education, National Youth Council of Russia, Childrens and Youth Social Initiatives, Russian Union of Youth, Youth Human Rights Group, The Office of Human Rights Ombudsmen in Russian Federation and others). The National Campaign Committee is chaired by the chairman of the National Youth Council of Russia Alexandr Sokolov.

The members of Russian NCC who gather at least once in two months have signed the statute on the structure of the NCC and the strategy on the realization of the European Youth Campaign in Russia. Also they signed a statute on procedure



of the official granting of a right to use a logo of the Campaign. The Russian NCC has three working groups devoted to the topics of the Campaign: diversity, human rights and participation. They develop the plan of the realization of the Campaign in Russia. Russian NCC publishes the materials about the Campaign in Russia and issues promotional materials – pens, bracelets, stickers, badges, scarfs, t-shirts, etc.

Projects held in Russia in framework of "All Different – All Equal" Campaign

In the year 2006 more than 60 events were held all around Russia in framework of the Campaign, in which more than 10 000 young people participated. The main event of 2006 was the European Youth Event "All Different – All Equal" held in St.-Petersburg during September 21-25. The European Youth Event "All Different – All Equal" was organized in the framework of the chairmanship of the Russian Federation in the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and in framework of the European Youth Campaign for diversity, human rights and participation.

The Launch of the Campaign in Russia

Russia became one of the first countries where the Campaign has started. On the 21st of June more than 6000 people attended the official launch of the Campaign at the central square of the Russian Exhibition Centre in Moscow. The exhibition of the youth projects that would have been organized in framework of the Campaign during the whole 2006 year was held there. A lot of celebrities made speeches during the launch: Ramzan Abdulatipov, the head of the Assembly of the Peoples of Russia, Gabriel Kochofa, the head of the Association of Foreign Students in Russia, Igor Melnichenko, the head of the Youth Department of the Federal Agency



of Education, Boris Gusev, the deputy director of the Department of the State Youth Policy of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and Andrey Yurov, the president of the International Youth Human Rights Movement. The event ended with the start of the rally “Moscow-Sachalin” of disabled people.

Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life

In the year 2006 The Center Social and Economic Initiatives “My motherland” with the support of Directorate of Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe started the implementation of the long-term project on the promotion of the basic topics and principals of the “Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life” in the Russian Federation. During the year 2006 various seminars in six Federal Regions of the Russian Federation were held, and more than 500 young people were able to get acquainted with the Charter.

The International Youth Assembly of National Cultures

The International Youth Assembly of National Cultures was carried out in the town of Ulyanovsk from 22 till 13 of May, 2006. The National festival gathered many guests from Republics of Bashkortostan, Mordovia, Tatarstan, Ingushetia and Kirov, Penza, Samara, Saratov regions. During the Assembly the participants



demonstrated their national cultural heritage. Though, the main achievement of the Assembly was different. The main point is that it managed to help people to begin the dialog between young people of different cultures, national and cultural autonomies. The attention of the guests was especially drawn to the creation of closer relations between the nations through relations of young people, youth diplomacy that champions international friendship. In the second part of the day the regions demonstrated their “calling cards” “We are different, but we are together”, took part in vocal competitions “Open microphone”, demonstrated their national costumes, carried out national playing programs called “Our joyful planet of friendship”. The Assembly ended up with the resolution. The accepted resolution put the basis for the further collaboration of the regions in the field of interethnic relations. It is only the first step towards the international friendship that was done by the region of Ulyanovsk, of course, but even now we can say that The Assembly became the bridge between the young people of different nationalities who live in one big country named Russia.

Marathon “Friendship of Peoples”

The Marathon was carried out from 15 to 20 of August 2006 in the Volga Federal District of the Russian Federation as a part of the European Youth Campaign “All Different – All Equal”. The event was aimed at the encouragement of young people to participate in the building of peace, based on diversity and integration, spirit of respect, tolerance and mutual understanding for the promotion of the ideas of the Campaign in society. Organizers of the Marathon, the Federation and Regional Policy Committee of the State Russian Duma of the Russian Federation and the Assembly of Peoples of Russia, organized educational activities in 14 regions of Russian Federation that form the Volga Federal District. Representatives of youth organizations, victims of discrimination, (mostly disabled young people, young people from Caucasus, victims of the war), common schoolchildren and students and state authorities took part in the round tables, conferences, sports



events, competitions of pictures made by children, concerts, actions, etc., activities that aimed at the coverage of the questions of diversity, human rights, equality of representatives of different nations and confessions, links and continuity of generations, traditions and friendship between nationalities of Russia.

Youth camp “Team of the 21 century” – “Many cultures - one Russia”

The Youth camp “Team of the 21 century” was organized and successfully carried out in the Russian Children Centre “Orlyonok” as a part of Campaign from 30 May – 20 June, 2006. 2500 children and young people from all Russian regions took part in this event. The main idea of the camp is to support children to create a common country, in which each person can feel a full citizen in any part of the country; to support the personal impact of each delegate to the creation of the unique and vivid aspect of the international Russian society. The special membership of the camp gave the opportunity to promote social values among the young people – friendship, respect towards different cultures, health, family, motherland, labor, knowledge and peace. These values in their turn may and have to become the basis of the relations in children and youth societies in multiethnic Russia, prevent the development of extremism and neofascism. The results of the camp “Many cultures - one Russia” are connected with the development of the tolerance towards cultures of different ethnic groups and prevention of ethnic intolerance that has increased lately and interethnic conflicts.

The development of informal education in public organizations

The interregional theoretical and practical conference “The development of non-formal education in public organizations” was held in Moscow from 12 to 14 of October, 2006. The main goal of the conference is the introduction and promotion of the unique non-formal education technologies into the work of public and youth organizations. 65 people from 18 regions of

Russian Federation (The regions of Vladimir, Kirov, Moscow, Penza, Riazan, Saratov, Tambov, Tula, Tumen, Chelyabinsk, Yaroslavl, Krasnodar, Perm, The Republic of Mariy El, Udmurtya, St.-Petersburg, and Moscow) took part in the conference.

Foundation of the Regional Campaign Committees in Russia

The decision to create Regional Campaign Committees with the aim to spread the Campaign in the regions of Russia was made in the beginning of 2007. At the moment Regional Campaign Committees were created in more than 30 regions of the Russian Federation and the process of the foundation of the Committees in other regions is going on. Each Regional Committee implements the ideas of the Campaign at local level and carries out its own events.

Common All-Russian actions in framework of the Campaign

Russian NCC has made the decision to implement common actions all over Russia with the aim to unite all the regions of such a large country as Russia. Finally, four projects were worked out, such as: “Traveling book”, the competition of pictures made by children “Colors of the world - to everyone”, Graffiti competition and the action “Thank you, winners!”, which is devoted to the Victory Day.





“Traveling book”

The educational action is held during the whole period of the Campaign. Intermediate totals will be announced on the website of the Campaign and organizations participating in the event. Everyone who is interested in the action is free to participate in it. You have to bring a book or a film to the Organizational Committee, special “All Different –All Equal” stickers will be put on them; they will contain some information on how to use the “traveling book”. We suppose to involve some book stores, libraries, publishing companies that gave books to put logos on them, into the action. The books with the stickers become the “traveling books”. You can leave them at school, university, in a gym to give other people the opportunity to get acquainted with them.

“Thank you, winners!”

The action is held from 1 to 9 of May 2007 with the participation of children and young people and is supported by local authorities. Children and young people erase the signs of swastika and other symbols that stir up international hatred that are painted on walls and fences in their native towns and cover them with paint or pictures. They take photos of a wall or a fence after it was cleaned or covered with paint or during the work. The exhibition of the pictures will be held at the official closing event of the Campaign in Russia.

The competition children’s pictures “Colors of the world – to everyone”

The competition is held by youth and children organizations on the 1 of June 2007 in various educational and social organizations and is supported by the Regional Campaign Committees. The photos of the pictures (made on asphalt, photos of pictures, appliques, etc.) which would be taken on day of the competition are sent to the Russian NCC.

European Festival and Competition “United Colors of Europe. One Hot Season of Graffiti”

The festival and competition are held in one day of the official celebration of Youth Day in all regions of Russian Federation on central streets, squares of a town by youth organizations and are

supported by the local government, responsible for youth and Regional Campaign Committees. Every young person who is eager to depict the logo of the Campaign or any other picture connected to the topics of the Campaign can take part in the festival. All works created during the festival take part in the competition no matter what level of professionalism they report and what is the exact technique used.

Closing of the Campaign in Russia

More than 100 activities are planned for 2007 in framework of the Campaign, more than 20 000 young people will participate in them. The most important event of the year will be the International Youth Forum “All Different –All Equal”, which will take place from 20 to 23 of September 2007 in Kazan. The Forum will be devoted to the closing of the European Youth Campaign in Russia. Creative collectives, representatives of various nationalities of the Russian Federation are planning to give their performances. Kazan (the capital city of Tatarstan) was chosen as a place for the event because more than 100 different nationalities live peacefully in the Republic of Tatarstan, where mosques are situated near churches and synagogues.

After the official closing of the European Youth Campaign “All Different – All Equal”, we plan to publish a book containing the results of the Campaign and its best programs and projects. We also plan to create an educational booklet containing methods and mechanisms of implementation of youth campaigns in Russian Federation.

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EUROPEAN YOUTH EVENT for diversity, Human Rights and Participation “ALL DIFFERENT – ALL EQUAL”

21 - 25 September 2006, Saint-Petersburg, Russian Federation

The “All Different – All Equal” European Youth Event was organized in the framework of the chairmanship of the Russian Federation in the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the European Youth Campaign for Diversity, Human Rights and Participation.

Almost 400 representatives from 42 European countries*: young leaders, scientists, politicians and officials took part in the Event. Having gathered in the same place such a lot of people young in both, soul and heart, we can proudly remark that all of us are different and all are equal in rights, abilities and desires to reach the goals set.

The “All Different – All Equal” European Youth Event is one of the greatest and most significant activities within the extensive program of the chairmanship of the Russian Federation in the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. Thus the Russian Federation emphasizes importance of youth policy in Europe and activities of the Directorate of Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe. Participants of the event have expressed their hope that it will evolve into a tradition to conduct youth activities within the chairmanship of the member states of the Council of Europe.

It is the second time that the Council of Europe holds “All Different – All Equal” Youth Campaign. But there is a significant difference between the campaigns. While the 1995 Campaign was aimed at fighting racism, anti-semitism, xenophobia and intolerance, having thus a tint of resistance towards something, this time the Campaign is aimed at development and promotion of universal values of good, justice, diversity, human rights

and active participation in the life of a society. It is creative fundamentals of the Campaign that distinguish it from all others, forcing not to fight but to bear warmth, friendship and to help neighbors. No doubt, it is impossible to cardinaly change Europe within 1 year, to teach all and everyone to respect any person irrespective of color of skin, religion or sexual orientation. This Campaign and the European Youth Event in St.-Petersburg in particular will help to find colleagues, assistants, to inspire and encourage youth to make fruitful actions which will not cease by September 2007, but will lead Europe step by step to unity, diversity and equality.

The opening of the European Youth Event was held on September 22, 2006 in the Taurian palace, a historical place which saw the first session of the first Russian parliament, and where the important decisions for the country being taken and now serious issues of united Europe are being discussed.

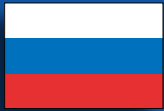
The opening was attended by Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Russian Federation Andrey Svinarenko and Deputy General Secretary of the Council of Europe Maud de Boer-Buquicchio. The participants of the Event received greetings from: the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov, Chairman of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Sergey Mironov and others. At the opening session the fundamental reports “Youth policy responses to modern challenges” were read which show new approaches to modern youth policy.

The street youth action which took place at the Palace Square, the city’s main St.-Petersburg square, helped the participants to get acquainted with each other better, to let all the problems of misunderstanding, intolerance and inability go up into the sky along with multi-coloured balloons.

Upon termination of the youth street action the participants had an organized guided tour in the Hermitage and throughout St.-Petersburg.

The “All Different – All Equal” European Youth Event was aimed first of all at construction of a meaningful dialogue between European youth, on establishment of fruitful contacts and exchange of





experience. On the other hand, it was necessary to draw attention to, examine and generalize the experience of youth, experts and governmental structures on such actual present day questions as:

1. Human rights education and Europe without dividing lines
 2. Social cohesion and promotion of cultural diversity in Europe
 3. Youth participation and active citizenship
 4. Innovative society: capacity building of young generation in Europe»
- and many others...

A special trait of this Event was an diverse and professional choice of experts and chairs. It is a rare thing to meet such a constellation of scientists, trainers, politicians, leaders of youth movements within one event. An opportunity of a dialogue with them brings greater contribution to the professional work of all participants and organizers. It is always much more interesting to work, think and argue with like-minded people with different points of view, experience and approaches, especially when there is a multinational and amicable team of trainers and facilitators.

Another positive feature of the Event in St.-Petersburg was that the participants had an opportunity to make a presentation of their activities, ideas, desires and prospects. Young leaders from all parts of the Europe from the Great Britain to Turkey, tried to expose the most important issues within more that 30 declared presentations.

The last day of the Event was the most intense, while also the most productive for the participants. During the first half of the day participants continued to work within thematic



groups, discussed the declaration inside the groups, prepared presentation of the results, chose reporters and prepared their speeches...

Every participant without exception has contributed to development, preparation and discussion of the final document. Young people struggled actively for each word, phrase, meaning and context of the declaration. Therefore the text of the declaration was rather bulky, but it speaks with the words of youth of all Europe and contents no superfluous or rash word. The most important provisions of the Declaration which can serve as a fundament for further work are the following:

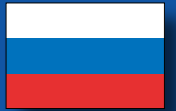
- "express our unanimous confidence and expectation to create a Europe without dividing lines and to promote mobility"

- recognise the great potential of diversity for European societies

- we underline the relevance and impact of the work and innovative role of the Directorate for Youth and Sport in the Council of Europe, including the Partnership Programme with the European Commission and ask the Committee of Ministers to further strengthen the Council of Europe's activities in the youth field

- for local and regional authorities specifically, to develop adaptable implementation procedures and to develop reviewing and follow-up mechanisms for the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life of the Congress for Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and support the development and distribution of educational tools such as a manual on how the Charter may be used.





This very declaration is a result of work of each of the 8 sections, each of the 400 participants, a meaningful, worked, discussed paper. Everything was critical here: an inexact word, absence of a comma, a somewhat vague use of a particular concept. For the sake of this document all participants had unanimously detained dinner, the official closing of the Event for two hours trying to leave a trace in the history of tolerant, diverse and united European space.

What is next? What for had we all met, discussed, approved something? The most important thing is that each of us carried away in his heart a confidence in his strength, desire to create and train and distribute all that knowledge that he/she has received not only

from the formal education system, but also within communication, work, participation. And we all will consider our work done if within 10 years we do not speak again about problems of intercultural dialogue and consolidation of European society, if positive emotions, skills, the competences received in St.-Petersburg scatter worldwide in a form of thousands of smiles, trainings and programs for the sake of justice, diversity, intercultural education.

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The international competition of works of schoolchildren, students and professors “Memory of Holocaust – the way to tolerance”

The international competition of works of schoolchildren, students and professors “Memory of Holocaust – the way to tolerance” has been carried out by the Scientific and Educational Center “Holocaust” since 2001. In fact, it is a non-stop competition: works have been gathered from February till the middle of November and are summed up in December, the award presentation is held in Moscow. It is carried out in a very solemn atmosphere, on the 27th of January, on the International Day of Memory of Holocaust Victims.

Schoolchildren, students and professors who are citizens of Russia, CIS or other countries can take part in the competition. About 700 works were presented at the competition in 2006; they were done by people from 37 Russian regions and 9 foreign countries (Belarus, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Lithuania, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, the USA and). Schoolchildren from Israel, Italy, Latvia, Poland and other countries have taken part in the competition since it had started.

The objectives of the competition are:

- To give a lesson of Holocaust to form tolerant conscious in modern society,
- To form skills of independent thinking and critical interpretation and creating of a broad world-outlook based on the moral values of the modern society,
- To involve professors, students and schoolchildren to learn and teach the history of Holocaust, to reveal and analyze the modern techniques of teaching of this topic,
- To expand contacts and sharing of experience between Russian students and professors and with their foreign colleagues and peers.

The aim of the competition is:

The competition aims at the creation of tolerant conscious, historical point of view and compassion towards victims of genocides, forming a clear understanding of the danger of xenophobia, chauvinism, neonazism and anti-Semitism, forming of interest towards little-studied periods of history of the Second World War and the Great Patriotic War, stimulating and encouraging scientific and creative work of students on these topics, creation and approbation of new methods and technologies of teaching, upgrading of professors' professional skills.

There are various nominations in the competition: scientific works, creative works, searching works, films and computer presentations for schoolchildren and students, workbooks and summaries of experience and thoughts for professors. The institute of Visual History and Education of the Shoa Fund of the University of South California (Spielberg's





Fund, the USA) set down a special prize “For the best analysis of the movie “Children from abyss”.

The annual Conference of schoolchildren from Moscow and Moscow area “Holocaust: memory and warning” (rounds are held in November and May) and the competition of students and professors from Jewish educational institutions from CIS countries and Baltic states are carried out as a part of the competition.

Winners of the competition not only receive letters of commendation, prizes and memorable presents, a lot of new opportunities become available for them as well:

- Schoolchildren take part in the International Conference in Brest, Belarus
- Students are invited to the UNESCO head-office in Paris, France
- Professors get the opportunity to take the study course in Yad Vashem Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, and other foreign museums of peace.

In the last years the experience of the “Memory of Holocaust – the way to tolerance” competition turned out to be called-for and became widespread. Some competitions connected to the similar topics appeared in Belarus and Ukraine. Regional competitions and conferences are held in different towns and areas of Russia. It helps participants and professors to get more familiar with the topic, discuss controversial and actual questions, prepare thoroughly for the International competition.

Participants and organizers’ impressions of the competition

A member of the jury of the competition, a history teacher of “The league of schools” Dmitry Procudin writes about the results of the competition of research works of those participants who report activity every year: “... About 400 works. From small ones, written

with a pen, or even a pencil sometimes, to long research works that reveal from time to time some facts, documents and stories that even professional historians don’t know, and in every work, whatever it is, vivid feelings are expressed - the film evokes a warm response in children. What was new about the 5th competition? Of course, it brought new names and new “lights” on the map of Holocaust research in Russia and neighboring countries. New sensations. No one could expect that the winner in the nomination “Research works” would become the representative of the area that is so little connected to the military geographic, - Natalia Kuzmina from the town of Istikim, Novosibirsk region. And the theme of the work turned out to be even more unrespectable: she decided to work on the specifically “German” pre-war theme of the Olympic Games 1936, celebrated by Leni Riefenstahl. And with the full power of intellectual persuasiveness she managed to show what does the well-known motto of Piere de Cubertaine “Oh sport, you are peace” turns into in the National-socialistic country, which will do its best to improve its image in front of foreigners, but will do it only until they leave. And then everything will resume its normal course: discrimination, humiliations and concentration camps for those who have a wrong surname or wrong measurement of the skull. And how actual it is! Alas!

The seriousness of the local history research displayed in the work that won the





second prize, named “Unforgettable. From the history of Holocaust in Osipovichsk area of Mogilev region” done by Valeria Zayszeva and Bita Novikova, is not the only thing that makes us glad. The pathos of this text is striking even if it seems not very impressive at the first sight, because it is the pathos of discovering of a single extinct civilization, the Jewish Atl ntida in Eastern Europe, which existed not somewhere far on other continents, but on the same streets where these young researchers live, in the same perks where they walk and in the air they breathe. But this Atl ntida died not due to the will of Nature, but because evil human intention, and it didn’t happen in one day, but was happening step by step. And the story of these awful “Commander’s steps” in this place at that time forms the second important side of the research by the girls from Belarus.

When we congratulate our winners and nominees, we can’t but think about future. Alas, we can’t but think about it with alarm. What will the next competition bring? The competition that will be held in a totally different time. The time of Condopoga, Georgian deportations, Russian marches and “discussion about the Russian” imposed on by the ruling party. How the schoolchildren will respond to these new challenges? We’ll see.”

Zayszeva Valerya, the town of Osipovichi, Belarus, a winner of the competition:

The 27th of January is The International Day of Memory of Holocaust victims, so mainly the event was devoted to this memorable date. Everything around was solemn and impressive. The ceremony was conducted by Alla Gerber, the president of the “Holocaust” Fund. Alla Gerber was talking very emotionally and everyone managed to feel the importance of the event thanks to her. Israeli, Latvian, German and Polish ambassadors and representatives of the government of Russia and Moscow spoke at the meeting. Nelly

Uvarova spoke in the very beginning and read the extract from Anna Frank’s diary. It made me feel creepy all over. She managed to make everybody feel the discussed topic deeply. After all these speeches the award ceremony started. I was impressed very much when I heard that works from 37 regions of Russia and 9 foreign countries took part in the competition. Yes, the figures are impressive. I felt more responsibility and pride at once. Finally, the thrilling moment came, the moment because of which everybody arrived at the meeting. We won the second prize in the nomination “Research works done by schoolchildren”. Alla Gerber herself shook my hand. I am very proud of this moment. After the trip I became more convinced of the fact that we need to make research in the field of Holocaust and tell our peers and adults about it. It is necessary and important. I want to thank all people who are responsible for the competition, and especially, I want to thank the employees of The “Holocaust” Scientific and Educational Centre, headed by A. Gerber and I. Altman. We do appreciate it, thank you.

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The European Youth Campaign “All Different – All Equal” in Russia

For equality! For human rights! For youth participation! These are the main concepts of the European Youth Campaign “All Different – All Equal”. These words are pronounced in all languages that exist in the world. The mechanisms of realization of these values are, however, different around the world. One of the brightest distinguishing features of the Campaign in Russia is the creation of the Regional Campaign Committees.

To describe the experience of the work of the Regional Campaign Committees let us study the experience of Ulyanovsk region, where the work on the Campaign has been started long ago. In 2006 Ulyanovsk region took an active part in the “All Different – All Equal” relay race, in 2007 the region became one of the first ones where the Regional Campaign Committee (RCC) was founded.

The RCC sets down the main directions of the implementation of the Campaign in Ulyanovsk region and coordinates the work of all organizations that are interested in the Campaign. The RCC comprises representatives of the governmental structures and active public organizations. Besides that, with a purpose to organize more effective work on the local level, heads of the youth organizations of the districts of the region, members of the Youth Parliament, that are the bodies of youth self-government, were included into the work the RCC.

From the very beginning RCC sets very ambitious tasks. Firstly, we’ve decided to set a competition to choose regional and local projects that deserve to get the status of “events held in the framework of the European Youth Campaign “All Different – All Equal”. Projects that will receive the status will be provided with all support needed on the regional level. Secondly, we’ve decided to take part in all four common actions that are offered by the National Campaign Committee.

The first meeting was carried out in an untypical form of a video space bridge with the municipal bodies of the region, which gave the opportunity to participate in the meeting to a



great number of those who were interested in the event. The municipal bodies of the region were able to take part in the work, to ask questions and introduce offers as well as the participants from the town.

Work groups on all the discussed questions (implementation of the events, giving the status, development of the working plan) were formed. Such an approach helps to reach the goals of the Campaign in the most successful way.

Information about the Campaign for the members of the RCC is delivered through e-mail, information about the realization of the Campaign is located on the web sites.

The board of RCC is open to creative ideas, active participants and everybody who wants to contribute to the development of progressive ideas of diversity, human rights and participation.

Are you ready?

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Eastern and Central Europe Campaign network for the support of implementation of the “All Different – All Equal” Campaign

29 October 2005 in Strasbourg (France) Eastern and Central Europe Campaign network for the support of implementation of the “All Different – All Equal” Campaign was created as result of the Symposium “All different, but not indifferent”. The network unites representatives of different youth organizations and different initiatives to make the work of the Campaign more effective and to promote the ideals of human rights, diversity and participation, to get more people involved into the Campaign and make the communication between youth organizations and youth non-governmental organizations, NCCs, national authorities and international organizations, of course, the Council of Europe, more effective. Those activists that don't have an opportunity to enter NCC or those who live in countries where there are no NCC can enter the network to get involved into the European youth activities.

At the moment the network comprises organisations from Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Romania, Latvia, Moldavia, and Estonia.

The main goals of the network are:

- To support each other in implementation of different actions on national and international level,
- To organize common actions for our region of Europe in framework of the European Campaign,
- To increase the effectiveness of the cooperation between non-governmental and governmental structures in our region in framework of the “All Different – All Equal” Campaign.

Every month news that contain information about different youth initiatives in Eastern and Central Europe, advertisement of international

meetings and seminars, news about the Campaign, etc. are published by the Network's activities with the support of Russian NCC and the Youth Network against racism and intolerance.

You can subscribe for this news sending an inquiry to ynri@hrworld.ru.

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“Russian Winter”



Festival “Russian Winter” is the first interregional and international event for working youth held in modern Russia. The “Russian Winter” project started in December 1996 and became traditional from February 1997.

The festival is the symbolic event for the program of the regional public organization of Russian Union of Youth of Yaroslavl region “Days of young people”, which will celebrate its 30 anniversary in 2008.

The participants of the event are representatives of enterprises and organizations, business and governmental structures, young teachers, workers, office workers, businessmen. “Russian Winter” is a synthesis of sports, creation and tourism.



The goals of the event are:

- Creation of conditions for youth self-actualization by involving young people into sports and creative events,
- Development of contacts in the field of unprofessional sports between youth organizations in the Central region of Russian Federation and foreign ones.

The objectives of the project:

- Promotion of healthy and active lifestyle among young people like an alternative to escapism
- Revival of national traditions of public sports
- Expanding of the sphere of international youth exchange in the field of unprofessional sports and culture
- Sharing of experience of the program activities between representatives of youth organizations in the field of unprofessional sports and culture.

Development of “public diplomacy” through participation of representatives of youth organizations from foreign countries in sports events and creative actions.

Experience of Russian Union of Youth of Yaroslavl region in implementation of complex projects for different categories of young people is used by other territories to organize similar events, for example: Interregional youth festival “Felt boot from Ryazan”, the town of Ryazan; interregional youth festival “Frosty amusements”, the town of Vologda.

The project “Days of young people”, the international youth festival “Russian Winter” turned out to be called for because it is possible to involve relatively big amount of young people to physical trainings through participation in public not professional sports. The program of these projects is formed in



such a way that it doesn't require any specific and long training of the participants before they take part in them.

That's why representatives of other regions take part in the events of the program, which is an example of youth integration.

Events of the program became recognizable and accepted by a big amount of young active residents of regions of Russia.

Representatives of 22 regions of Russia and more than 20 representatives of foreign organizations took part in the festival, including Burkina Faso (The Union of foreign students), Benin (The Union of foreign students), Georgia (The Union of foreign students), Belarus (BSM, BPCM and BRSM), Latvia (SPML), Germany (The union of young workers), IB (the town of Vetslar, Giessen Land – the twin land of

Yaroslavl region, partner organization of regional public organization of Russian Union of Youth of Yaroslavl region), Kazakhstan (SMK), Ukraine, Moldova, Finland (Allianssi, EYCA), Luxemburg (EYCA), Poland (EYCA, The Union of foreign students), Italy (EYCA), France (the town of Coitez – the twin-city of Yaroslavl).

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The work of the NCC in Serbia

In November 2006 Ministry of Education and sport of Serbia with a few NGOs established the NCC in Serbia for the “All Different – All Equal” Campaign of the Council of Europe for diversity, human rights and participation. At the moment it includes 14 NGO experts, a Ministry representative and Serbian representatives in the Council of Europe bodies (CDEJ, Advisory Council, Pool of Trainers) work as advisers.

The NCC in Serbia has 3 working groups, executive body, and secretariat. Working groups are working on the themes of the Campaign: diversity, human rights, participation. Executive body is making strategic and other important decisions for the Campaign. Secretariat is caring for implementation and visibility of the Campaign in Serbia.

Campaign has promoted on the “Fist” international student theatre festival and a few national and international youth trainings in Serbia. It will have a big promotion on the “Exit”, the biggest music festival in the South-East of Europe.

As a youth campaign, it is based on youth participation in Serbia (NGO activism, pupil’s and student’s parliaments, etc.). The NCC in Serbia supports the high-school street festival and other pupil and student parliaments’ activities. The most important aim is to support minorities, and so the Campaign through its activities supports work with LGBT, Roma, disabled people, etc. In the framework of the Campaign we’ve implemented the “Love for all” campaign against discrimination and violence on LGBTs.

Projects held in Serbia in framework of “All Different – All Equal” Campaign

The central event – “All Different – All Equal” day. The value of diversity.

On 12th of May 2007, we’ve launched the Campaign activities in Serbia. This coincides with the day when Serbia is taking presidency over the Council of Europe and we wanted to mark this significant moment (it is the first time Serbia is chairing over the Council of Europe) and use the opportunity to explain to people what the Council of Europe (CoE) is and what is the bases for cooperation within this important intergovernmental organisation. At this day we will focus on equality, right to be different, etc. We will promote interesting jobs or hobbies: juggling, clowning, break dance, capoeira, drums, etc. among representatives of diverse minor social groups and other people. We’ve organised public launching with a street action to provide people with the Campaign’s materials, we’ve published banners as well.

Participation weeks – Taking responsibility for the world around us

Our aim was to carry out two other joint public actions for the first week of September (from 3 to 9) and the first week of October (from 1 to 7), that will coincide with the start of the school year for high school and university students. A set of common activities developed by the Campaign with the help of organizations that are the members of the Campaign will take place at schools and on faculties.

Beginning of a new school year is a perfect moment to introduce students and freshmen in focus, to wonderful world of social activism, civil society development and diverse participation opportunities. Throughout the week our town team made up of local organizations taking part in the Campaign will promote it at schools and on the faculties through common actions. They will be additionally encouraged to create specific actions to motivate young people to join civil society organisations and actions.

We will use the same material and focus on promotion of the Campaign’s values and introduction to student organizations and parliaments, human rights and volunteers’ organisations, European youth programs and other forms of activism. We want to use these two weeks to make sure that people know about



the opportunities and possibilities they can take in addition to formal education.

Week of human rights – STOP discrimination, JOIN the action!

Our aim was to use the period full of different international days, all related to important issues of the society (World aids day, human rights day, etc. from 1 to 10 of December. This week should start with World aids day, the 1st of December, and continue with actions taking place around other important days that will follow).

During these days our aim was to concentrate on discriminated people, due to their disability, nationality or culture, race, sexual orientation, health issues, etc. Through the set of coordinated actions in different communities and NOT street actions we aim to come closer to people to understand their views and standpoints. Our aim will be to organize practical actions for people to make them know how important it is to respect and support all individuals and also provide them with different tools and opportunities to join the efforts in making the change in the society.

We are all equal because we are different!

The event implemented by the Inclusive Society Development Centre (ISDC) is being held from September 2006 to 31 of March 2007 in Belgrade.

The main aim of the project is fighting against prejudices about handicapped persons and Roma that students and professors in elementary and high schools have.

We've made 18 inclusive workshops where more than 150 students from "normal" and "special" schools met; 3 panel discussions with student's parents and professors of schools, a few celebrations and informal meetings with the students. We talked about handicapped people and Roma's potentials and rights. This project is supported by the "Save the Children" UK, Ministry for Education and Sports in the Government of Serbia and the NCC in Serbia as a part of "All Different – All Equal" Campaign in Serbia.

As a result professors and students in "normal" schools understood and supported handicapped people and Roma in fighting for their human rights,

especially for right to have equal education within the joint educational system. "Normal" schools will offer to handicapped and Roma children the possibility to study in these schools from the next school year. This will be for the first time in Serbia, because up to now handicapped and Roma studied in special schools.

This project promoted values of the "All Different – All Equal" Campaign through learning process aiming at a human right to have equal education within one educational system (without discrimination), diversity with meetings handicapped and other children, and participation by calling students in elementary and high-schools in Belgrade to influence through their parliaments on schools officials to create equal opportunities for those who face discrimination every day. We will continue to make similar projects in other cities of Serbia, and will continue to provide students of Belgrade with education and help (logistical and other that we are able to give), and support schools that want to create equal opportunities for everybody and an inclusive educational system.

At the end of the project, ISDC with the support of the NCC in Serbia presented a film made as a part of this project, explaining that children and young people would like to fight against prejudices together and support minor social groups. This excellent project can be useful in each society where prejudices and/or violence on handicapped people and on minorities in general still exist.

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The work of the NCC in Slovenia

The National Campaign Committee includes members from the following governmental and non-governmental institutions:

- Ministry for Education and Sport, Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth
- Human Rights Ombudsman
- The Government of the Republic of Slovenia, Office for Equal Rights
- The Information and documentation Centre of The Council of Europe in Slovenia
- The National Youth Council of Slovenia
- The Association of municipalities of Slovenia
- The Community of municipalities of Slovenia
- The Slovenian organization of pupils

The National Campaign Committee is the responsible structure for the implementation of the Campaign at the national level.

Projects held in Slovenia in framework of

“All Different – All Equal” Campaign

The Office of the Republic of Slovenia with its partner organizations carries out the following activities:

- «Madagascar in words, picture and music» - a program of 30 workshops for primary school children. The aim of the workshop is to break the stereotypes and prejudices about other cultures and promote diversity in the world.

- «The sound of diversity» - a program including 30 workshops for primary schoolchildren. The aim of the workshop is to break stereotypes and prejudices about other cultures and promote diversity in the world.

- «What do children want» - theatre plays for children and young people. Theatre plays are performed together by non-governmental organization and The Theatre association Muki, with an aim to inform and teach young people about the respect of human rights, tolerance, non-violence and to promote diversity, human rights and participation of young people.

- The Association of rural youth of Slovenia and its program of different activities which aim at promoting the Campaign, diversity, human rights and participation of young people in rural areas of Slovenia.

- The Association for non-violent communication, a NGO, runs Preventive workshops to promote non-violent communication and respect for differences among children and young people.

- The SKUC Association, a NGO, is preparing a Gay and Lesbian festival in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Publications and promo-materials as a part of the Campaign in Slovenia

Slovenian NCC in partnership with the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth and the Information and Documentation Centre of the Council of Europe in Slovenia published the “Education pack” translated to Slovenian.

The NCC also produces the following promotion materials: leaflets, pencils, posters, diaries, postcards.



Euro26 as a participant in the Campaign

Euro26 in Slovenia is also an important partner in the Campaign. They try to attract the so-called non-organized youth with calls for the best photography, articles in their magazine, etc. In 2007 the Youth office will give some support to the Euro26 organization to print logo of the Campaign on Euro26 youth cards.

The National Youth Council, one of the main actors in the Campaign, is also working hard to start the activities in April. The main activity will be training on human rights for youth organizations and youth workers, as well as a call to musicians to prepare the song within the Campaign.

Youth office has also published an open call for programs and projects of youth organizations; 30% of the resources for youth programs and youth organizations are available for the Campaign's activities. We believe that with this instrument we should attract local organizations to our work.

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Work of the NCC in Ukraine

The “All Different – All Equal” Campaign from the volunteers and participant’s point of view

I stood still on the street to discern a poster, on which it was written “All Different – All Equal” and just a full stop after it. It is really hard to argue with it. I began to think however: to what extent truths written on paper are real in our life? How often do we follow big slogans rejecting stereotypes and put on the first place equality, liberty and justice? To what extent we are free from prejudices in our thoughts, feelings and especially in actions? It is very easy to talk about it and it is much harder to act, especially if it refers to personal principals, ethics and culture of the peaceful coexistence of people in one city, one society, one country, one world...

I was captured by such thoughts. And finally I have an opportunity to share them with other intelligent people thanks to the invitation of the NCC of the European Youth Campaign “All Different – All Equal”. “Why not?” – I thought and found myself at the open debates of the youth leaders, devoted to European integration and European values in Ukraine. It turned out to be that the youth movement in our country can be called active and progressive with certainty. A lot of young people are interested in actual problems and events in our country, take an active part in solving them, contributing to the process of development of Ukraine. And this contribution is real, actions are concrete and productive, ideas are modern and original. Thus I became a part of the youth movement in Ukraine.

Debates devoted to European integration turned out to be just one thing of the multiple events held in Ukraine as a part of the national “All Different – All Equal” week of European

integration in the end of November. Among the most memorable events I can name the theatrical integration festival of people with specific needs, the festival of short films “Gender format”, photo exhibition “All Different – All Equal”, the procession with candles, the concert “Compassion”, which gathered about 15 000 people and many others. None actual aspect of diversity and tolerance was forgot: every day of the week was devoted to a specific topic (children, national minorities, women, disabled people, people with HIV, AIDS and other diseases).

Having taken part in the events of the national week I wanted to make my own contribution to the development of culture of tolerance and European values in our society. I wanted to prove my words with actions, I wanted to go ahead to my aims and call others to go after me... Now my volunteer work in the “All Different – All Equal” Campaign has become this movement to future, which gives a feeling of involvement to big and serious work, acknowledgement of my role, not a big, but still significant one.

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WWW.ADAE.ORG.UA

September 2006 - 31 March 2007, Belgrade (Serbia)

WE ARE ALL EQUAL THERE IN WE ARE DIFFERENT!

The main aim of the project is fighting against prejudices about handicapped persons and Roma that students and professors in elementary and high school have.

Contact organization: Inclusive Society Development Centre (ISDC), NCC in Serbia

During 2007, Armenia

THE LONG-TERM EDUCATIONAL COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH THE USE OF "COMPASS"

Contact organization: NCC in Armenia

During 2007, Bulgaria

THE NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR PAINTINGS AND ESSAYS ON THE TOPICS OF THE CAMPAIGN TURNED TO THE YOUNG PUPILS AND STUDENTS

Contact organisation: NCC in Bulgaria

During 2007, Bulgaria

THE NCC SUPPORTS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE ON THE BALKANS" PROJECT PUT INTO PRACTICE BY THE BULGARIAN YOUTH

Contact organization: "Youth Centre IZGREV"

February 2007 –July 2007, Russia

PROJECT "OUR OWN... SOMEBODY ELSE'S CHILDREN"

The project is held with the use of the balanced scout program of educational courses and trainings, which help children to be harmoniously and all-around developed physically, emotionally and mentally, to develop creative skills. The program also creates conditions for the proper social rehabilitation of orphans and children in foster care.

Contact organization: «The Association of girls-scouts», tel. +7 (8482) 31-48-14, e-mail: zebras_scout@mail.ru.

11-16 of April, 2007, Bosnia and Herzegovina

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR TITLED DIVERSITY S.T.E.P. NO 1

The group of 35 young people aged 17 to 20 from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia and United Kingdom, able to communicate in English, active in local communities and willing to remain active during the seminar and afterwards, ready to live, learn, work, and have fun in intercultural environment.

Contact organisation: Asocijacija Graditelji Mira & NCC in Bosnia and Herzegovina

24-27 of April, Estonia

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "YOUTH IN GROWING EUROPE: NEW CHALLENGES FOR YOUTH RESEARCH AND YOUTH POLICY"

Contact organisation: NCC in Estonia

9th of May, 12th of August, in September and 29th of November to 1st of December, Estonia

LIVING LIBRARY

Contact organisation: NCC in Estonia

12th of May, Serbia

CENTRAL EVENT – "ALL DIFFERENT – ALL EQUAL" DAY

One of the aims is to explain to people what the Council of Europe is and what is the basis for cooperation within this important intergovernmental organisation

Contact organisation: NCC in Serbia

May 2007, Ljubljana, Slovenia

LIVING LIBRARY

Library will be accompanied with jumbo posters and other media activities or other activities to attract media (as well as young people, of course). The project is prepared by 3 non-governmental organisations and Youth office.

Contact organisation: NCC in Slovenia

May 2007, Armenia

THE YOUTH SUPERVISORY CAMPAIGN FOR OBSERVANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN ARMENIA

Contact organization: The Youth Clubs Federation of Armenia

May – September 2007, Volga Federal District (Russia)

THE RELAY RACE OF PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP

The action aims at the support of young citizen's initiative for involving youth organizations in real work for establishment connections between representatives of different generations, nationalities, confessions, settlements and regions.

Contact organization: The Assembly of Peoples of Russia, tel. +7 (495) 692-17-38, 692-32-81, e-mail: isdr@bk.ru.

June 1st, Bulgaria**YOUTH FESTIVAL ON THE OCCASION THE CHILD DAY**

Contact organisation: NCC in Bulgaria, "Starry Start of Talents" Foundation

3-10 of June, Estonia**GRAFFITI PROJECT**

Contact organisation: NCC in Estonia

Since 1st of June 2007, Bulgaria**MUSIC DANCE PERFORMANCE FOR YOUTH "STAR START"**

With the participation of young people of different ethnic groups

Contact organisation: NCC in Bulgaria

23 June – 2 July, 50 towns of Ukraine**THE NATIONAL BUS TOUR "ALL DIFFERENT – ALL EQUAL"**

Contact organisation: NCC in Ukraine

25 June - 2 July 2007, Tzahcadzor (Armenia)**THE YOUTH FESTIVAL "DIALOGUE OF CULTURES"**

The intercultural festival aims at the support of the processes of cultural dialogue in the context of globalization, in which young people may play the leading role. The goal of the festival is to make young people get acquainted with the main concepts and experience of intercultural education, as well as involving them in intercultural communication through national art, music, cinema, dancing art and national cuisine.

Contact organisation: NCC in Armenia

27 June 2007, regions of the Russian Federation**EUROPEAN FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION "UNITED COLORS OF EUROPE. ONE HOT SEASON OF GRAFFITI"**

The festival and competition are held in one day of the official celebration of Youth Day in all regions of Russian Federation on central streets, squares of a town by youth organizations and are supported by the local government, responsible for youth and Regional Campaign Committees.

Contact organisation: NCC in Russia

3 June, Creschatic, Kiev (Ukraine)**THE FESTIVAL OF STREET SPORTS**

Contact organisation: NCC in Ukraine

26-29 July 2007, the boarder of 3 countries – Belarus, Latvia and Russia**THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP «BE-LA-RUS»**

The camp will be held for the 16th time and for the second time it will be devoted to The Youth Campaign. Young people will gather together at the border of 3 countries in a camp. The program includes performances of national creative collectives, competitions, prizes and gifts.

Contact organisation: Russian Union of Youth, tel. +7 (495) 6250008, e-mail: ruy@ruy.ru

3-6 July, Komsomolsk (Ukraine)**THE INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL YOUTH HEARINGS**

Contact organisation: NCC in Ukraine

August –September 2007, Chechen Republic (Russia)**PROGRAMME "INTERCULTURAL YOUTH COOPERATION"**

The aim of the Programme is to involve youth in South Federal District of the Russian Federation into intercultural cooperation and development of sustainable system of youth participation in activities on conservation and dissemination of positive experience in interethnic cooperation, tolerance, intercultural cooperation, conservation of ethno-political stability in Russian society in democratic development of united Russian Federation.

Contact: National Council of youth and Children organisation of Caucasus, tel. +7 (8712) 22 39 58, email: Chechen_revival@mail.ru

4-12 August, Tallinn (Estonia)**TALLINN PRIDE**

Contact organisation: NCC in Estonia

9 - 12 of August 2007, Orenburg region (Russia)**THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP «NEIGHBORS»**

The 5th anniversary camp will be held during 3 days in Ikleksky area of Orenburg region. The aim of the camp is to establish and develop international links between public youth organizations of Orenburg region and Kazakhstan, and support friendly relations between Russian and Kazakh young people.

Contact organisation: Russian Union of Youth, tel. +7 (495) 6250008, e-mail: ruy@ruy.ru

25-27 August 2007, Tolyatti (Russia)**THE FORTH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL "DRUMS OF THE WORLD"**

The aim of the project is to make people get closer to each other through promotion of drum and other ethnic traditions of different peoples, to make them know their own origins, to preserve old traditions. The project aims as well at the creation of a musical culture that is available to everyone, where the creative self-expression helps to develop one's individuality and save health and harmony in everyday life.

Contact organisation: Drums of the World, +7 (8482) 637307, 35-63-96, mob. +7-9272-16-25-06, e-mail: kdmtlt@mail.ru, www.barabanymira.ru.

September 2007, Russia

CONGRESS OF PEOPLES OF RUSSIA

The aim of the Congress is conservation and development of national cultures of peoples of Russia, prevention of interethnic conflicts, formation of tolerance and civil solidarity, broadening of interregional cultural cooperation, strengthening of friendship between peoples and unity of Russia.

Contact organisation: The Assembly of Peoples of Russia, tel. +7 (495) 692-17-38, 692-32-81, e-mail: isdr@bk.ru

September 2007, Ulyanovsk (Russia)

THE DISCUSSION YOUTH CLUB OF ULYANOVSK REGION

The Club is being created to involve young people in discussion and search for new ways to solve socially-significant questions, actual for the region and the country on the whole (according to the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life).

Contact organisation: The administration of the Governor of Ulyanovsk Region, +7 (8422) 413987, e-mail: domashevskaya@mail.ru.

September 2007, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

CONFERENCES "ALL DIFFERENT – ALL EQUAL"

Youth office and youth organisations will be preparing national conferences in framework of the campaign "All Different – all Equal", devoted to the closing of the Campaign.

Contact organisation: NCC in Slovenia

September – October 2007, Magadan (Russia)

THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS: "EQUALITY. FREEDOM. YOUNG PEOPLE"

About 300 students and representatives of youth organizations will take part in the event, there will be held educational courses for them on their rights and development of skills needed for the defense of human rights.

Contact organisation: The regional public organization of Russian Union of Youth, Magadan region. Tel. +7 (4132) 62-54-19, mob. +7-914-852-58-89, e-mail: popkov@regadm.magadan.ru, rsm.magadan@inbox.ru.

6-26 September 2007, Tuapse (Russia)

NETWORK ACTION "UNITY OF DISSIMILAR 2007"

Contact: All-Russian Children Center "Orlenok", tel. +7 (86167) 91118, fax. +7 (86167) 92 708, email: zamdir@km.

13-17 September, Kiev (Ukraine)

THE SEMINAR "YOUNG PEOPLE UNITE EUROPE"

Contact organisation: NCC in Ukraine

21-23 of September 2007, The Republic of Tatarstan (Russia)

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM "ALL DIFFERENT – ALL EQUAL"

Realization of the Campaign has become a fertile soil for the development of the youth organisations and networks. NCC in Russia has a point of view that the Campaign should be prolonged. The International Youth Forum can not only be the platform for the declaration of this decision but also serve as a positive quality step for the next level. About 1000 participants will take part in the event from all over Russia and other countries.

Contact organisation: NCC in Russia

25-30 September, Evpatoria (Ukraine)

THE INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATION FORUM "ALL DIFFERENT - ALL EQUAL"

More than 15 countries are expected to participate in the event

Contact organisation: NCC in Ukraine

February 2008, Ukraine

THE SYMPOSIUM OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRIES-MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE "VOLUNTEERING AS A METHOD OF INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SOCIAL LIFE"

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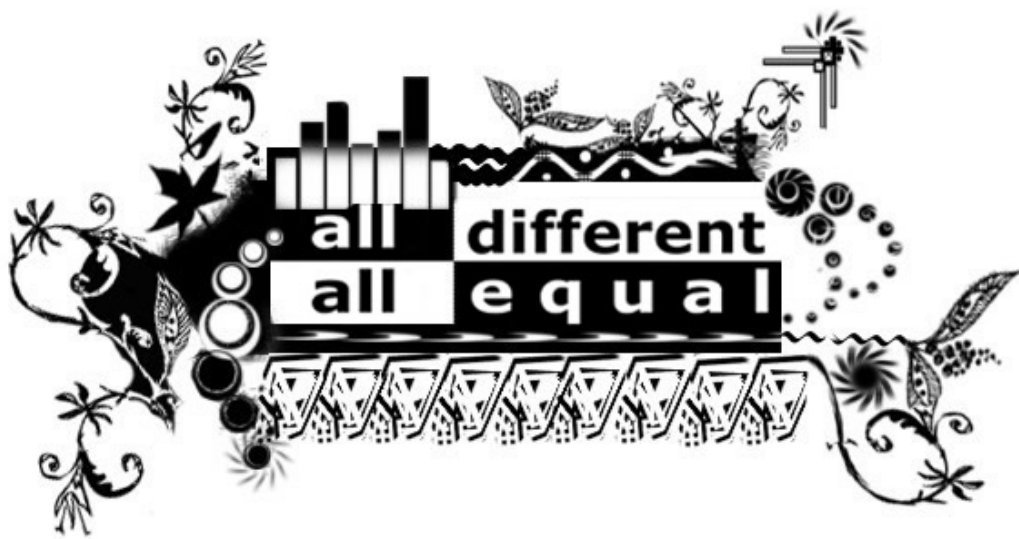
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