



### DATES



### INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 27 JANUARY

Meeting in Strasbourg in 2002, the European Ministers of Education decided to establish a "Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and for the prevention of crimes against humanity".

Since then this day has been celebrated on 27 January every year, marking the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp.

The initiative has been taken up by the United Nations which has declared it an international day of remembrance on November 1, 2005.

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS

#### **NO CHILD IS BORN A RACIST AND NO CHILD SHOULD BECOME ONE**

*Joint statement on the occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day by the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Secretary General and the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe*

Strasbourg, 26.01.2007

No child is born a racist, and it is the task of all of us to make sure that no child becomes one.

The fight against racism and xenophobia must not be limited to one day a year. We have the responsibility to fight hate and prejudice all the time and everywhere, in schools, in the workplace and in the street. Political leaders have a particular responsibility in making Europe free from racism in all its forms, from anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and prejudice against Roma.

The Council of Europe is the guardian of the European Convention on Human Rights, and the fight against all form of racism is one of our key priorities. The European Youth Campaign for Diversity, Human Rights and Participation is building on the message of the 1995 "All Different, All Equal" Campaign, but with a broader agenda: it tackles discrimination based not only on ethnic origin or the colour of someone's skin, but also on the basis of religion, disability or sexual orientation.

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS

#### **THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF ROME**

The signature of the Treaty of Rome in 1957 created the European family. Fifty years later, there is a lot to celebrate: peace and stability, freedom and democracy, prosperity, jobs and growth.

The celebrations focus on youth: a Youth Summit will be held in Rome on 24 -25 March.  
A wide variety of events is taking place all over Europe throughout the whole year:

<http://europa.eu/50/>

### LEARN ABOUT...



#### **Participation toolkit**

This toolkit focuses on civil participation at the local level. Over 100 sample cases of civil participation projects in local governance are described and analyzed here, along with articles and news bulletins updated regularly by the regional coordinators of the project.

<http://www.toolkitparticipation.com>

### BALTIC SEA SECRETARIAT FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS NEWS

#### **Conference and Call for Papers 'Youth Extremism in RU', St. Petersburg, 16.-18.2.2007**

The Centre for German and European Studies at St. Petersburg State University with the participation of SRC "Region" at Ulyanovsk State University invites papers for the workshop to be held in St. Petersburg, Russia.

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### EVENTS

#### **People to People International: European Conference in Interlaken May 17-20**

People to People International ([www.ptpi.org](http://www.ptpi.org)) invites members and friends to European Conference in Interlaken (Switzerland). Please visit the conference Web site for all details including registration form.

[www.ptpe.org/interlaken2007](http://www.ptpe.org/interlaken2007)

### MEMBERS' NEWS



#### **Internet portal „Rights of the Children”**

NGO „Culture. Tolerance. Friendship.” (Latvia) within the framework of the project „Fundamental Human Rights for Children through Art and Creative Work” has created Internet portal devoted to the rights and duties of children.

The information is available in five languages: Russian, English, Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian.

[www.hr.kid.lv](http://www.hr.kid.lv)