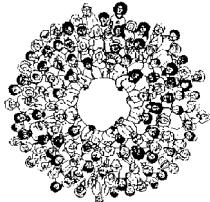


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Human rights education

A special issue of the education newsletter has just been published on the November 2007 regional European meeting on the World Programme for Human Rights Education. The newsletter read here:

http://www.coe.int/t/e/cultural_co-operation/education/Bulletin_Special_1-2008_EN.pdf

UNITED NEWS



21st March European-wide Action Week Against Racism

March 21st was declared International Day for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination by the General Assembly of the United Nations as a reaction to the murder of 69 anti-apartheid demonstrators in Sharpeville, South-Africa, in 1960.

During the annual European-wide Action Week, which centres around 21 March, thousands of people actively engage themselves for tolerance, equal rights and celebrate the diversity of Europe. This campaign aims to highlight the issues of racism from a non-governmental perspective on all levels - local, national and European.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS



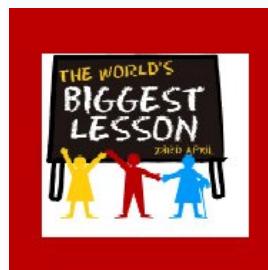
Spring Day for Europe 2008: Bridging cultures through dialogue

Spring Day for Europe runs from 25 March to 30 June 2008, with a particular focus on 9 May, when Europe Day is celebrated. As in the past years, the Spring Day for Europe campaign invites schools to book one or many days in their calendar to organise events focusing on debate, interaction and reflection on European themes. Spring Day for Europe is an opportunity for young European citizens to express their views and make their voices heard in Europe. Now in its sixth year, the main goal of the campaign in 2008 is to prepare and assist schools in planning, organising and running their own events as part of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue.

A wide range of activities and events are expected to take place at local, national and European level. For more information, please visit the new dedicated portal at:

<http://www.springday2008.net>

UNESCO NEWS



Global Action Week 2008: "Quality Education to End Exclusion"

Global Action Week is taking place from 21-27 April 2008 on the theme of "Quality Education to End Exclusion", a top EFA priority. UNESCO is organizing activities world-wide to highlight the issues of quality and inclusion according to the local context.

Quality and inclusion are key factors in attaining Education for All, UNESCO's top priority, and are at the heart of this year's Global Action Week. Numerous events in the Organization's field offices, a session of the "World's Biggest Lesson" (23 April) and a month-long internet forum are among the events planned during the Week.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Restricted Call for Proposals VP/2008/005 "National Awareness Raising Activities in the field of Antidiscrimination", budget heading 04 04 01 04 – Progress - Anti-discrimination and diversity

The objective of this call is to promote the debate on discrimination and diversity in the PROGRESS participating countries and to foster the dissemination of information on EU and national policy and legislation in the antidiscrimination field.

European Commission wishes to support activities which tackle at least one of the following 5 grounds of discrimination: race and ethnic origin, disability, age, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

Supported activities:

1. Training activities relating to the content and practical implementation of Directives 2000/43/EC and 2000/78/EC.
2. Organisation of events raising awareness about discrimination on the grounds of disability, age, racial and ethnic origin, religion or belief and sexual orientation and/or promoting the benefits of diversity.
3. Identification, analysis, promotion and dissemination of good practices in the antidiscrimination field.
4. Type of activities building on or continuing national initiatives undertaken as part of the 2007 European Year for Equal Opportunities for All

Deadline for submitting proposals: **30/05/2008**

More information find here:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=2885