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COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS

Young People Combating Hate Speech Online: Call for participants for Training course for young bloggers and online activists

The Council of Europe Youth Department invites all young bloggers and online activists concerned by human rights violations, hate speech online, discrimination and racism to apply for the training course taking place **between May 2012 and December 2013**, comprising a **residential seminar between 20-27 May 2012 in the European Youth Centre Budapest** as a first stage in their involvement in a long term online campaign against racism, xenophobia and discrimination. Further information about the project, the training course and the application process can be found in the document attached.

Young People Combating Hate Speech On-line is a project of the Council of Europe's youth sector to be run between 2012 and 2014. The project aims to combat racism and discrimination in their online expression of hate speech by equipping young people and youth organisations with the competences necessary to recognise and act against such human rights violations. The project stands for equality in dignity, human rights and diversity.

The training course will bring together young bloggers and online activists motivated and willing to further take action and play a central role in the campaign development.

The **deadline** for applications is **19 April 2012**. You can apply here: http://youthapplications.coe.int.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS

Discrimination is illegal. Fight it.

A new phase of the 'For Diversity. Against Discrimination.' is on going with an advertising campaign in 2012.

With this advertising campaign, the European Commission aims to draw attention to discrimination at work and direct people facing discrimination to their national equality body where they can find further information about their rights and seek for advice or help.

The campaign comprises print, outdoor and online advertising, in all 23 official languages of the EU.

We would very much welcome your support, as subscribers to EC Equality News, in further promoting the campaign among your networks.

Copies of the campaign posters to download and information on your rights and responsibilities under EU law are available on the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fdad/cms/stopdiscrimination/?langid=en

2012 European Institutions Open Day

Saturday 12 May, Brussels and its European district are celebrating the 20th Festival of Europe!

To mark the event, the European institutions are opening their doors for you. A day full of surprises awaits you from 10 am to 6 pm:

- visits to official buildings
- debates and information stands
- activities
- fun village for children
- dancing, music and street art

This special day has been held every year for the past 20 years in recognition of the Schuman Declaration of 9 May 1950 and will give everyone an opportunity to:

- get to know the European Parliament, European Council, Council of the European Union, European Commission, Economic and Social Committee, Committee of the Regions, and European Ombudsman;
- celebrate the European project, all together, in a family and festive environment.

http://www.fetedeleurope.europa.eu/index_en.htm

Schwarzkopf Stiftung
JUNGES EUROPA

Schwarzkopf Europe Award

Each year the Schwarzkopf Foundation awards the "**Schwarzkopf Europe Award**" to a public figure for their enthusiastic and valuable efforts for Europe. Only young Europeans (14-28 years) are eligible to nominate a candidate.

As possible nominees could be a public person who is active for Europe, for example by

- fostering peaceful co-existence in Europe and worldwide;
- protecting the freedom of expression and democracy in Europe and worldwide;
- demonstrating courage to stand against repressive, undemocratic regimes, corruption, ill-treatment, and torture;
- developing and/or implementing landmark European policies;
- striving for sustainable development.

Please submit your nominations **31st of May 2012** here:

http://polls.eyp.org/europe-award-nomination