



### DATES



**9 NOVEMBER**

### INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST FASCISM AND ANTISEMITISM

Annual commemoration of the 'Kristallnacht' pogrom - a joint campaign of anti-fascist, anti-racist, human rights and Jewish organisations.

After World War II the Europeans decided that they would never let anything like the Holocaust happen again. Anti-fascist, anti-racist, human rights, Roma and Jewish organisations commemorate the Kristallnacht, which took place on 9 November 1938.

This partly state-organised pogrom against German Jews symbolises the beginning of the Holocaust. The commemoration has taken on a new meaning as we remember not only the victims from 1938, but also campaign against the rise of neo-nazism and racism in Europe today, and show support for the recent victims of racist and fascist attacks.



**16 NOVEMBER**

### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE

In 1996, the General Assembly invited Member States to observe the International Day for Tolerance on 16 November, with activities directed towards both educational establishments and the wider public. This action came in the wake of the United Nations Year for Tolerance, 1995, proclaimed by the Assembly in 1993.

The Year had been declared on the initiative of the General Conference of UNESCO.

On 16 November 1995, the UNESCO member States had adopted the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance and Follow-up Plan of Action for the Year.

What is tolerance? UNESCO's Declaration of Principles on Tolerance defines tolerance as "respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. It is fostered by knowledge, openness, communication, and freedom of thought, conscience and belief. Tolerance is harmony in difference."

### UNITED NATIONS NEWS

#### United Nations adopts September 15th as International Day of Democracy

On November 8th 2007 UN declared **15th of September** International Day of Democracy and invites all Member States,

organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals to commemorate the International Day of Democracy in an appropriate manner that contributes to raising public awareness.

UN also invites member states to make sure, that parliamentarians and civil society organizations are given appropriate opportunity to be involved in, and contribute to, the celebration of the International Day of Democracy.

UN states that "democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems, and their full participation in all aspects of life." And that "While democracies share common features, there is no single model of democracy and that democracy does not belong to any country or region."

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



#### "The End of the Beginning" for the diversity campaign

Some 300 young people and youth organisations from across Europe gathered in Malmö, Sweden, from 4 to 7 October, to mark the end of the "All Different – All Equal" youth campaign.

Participants at the four-day event shared experiences, exchanged ideas and evaluated different aspects of the campaign. They included numerous projects in more than 40 European countries that have encouraged and enabled young people to actively participate in building peaceful societies based on diversity and inclusion in a spirit of

The event was hosted by the Swedish Ministry of Integration and Gender Equality and the Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs. For more information about the Final Event, visit

<http://alldifferent-allequal.info/>

#### Terry Davis presents "Young Active Citizens" award

At the final event of the European Youth Campaign on Diversity, Human Rights and Participation on 6 October, Secretary General Terry Davis presented the "Young Active Citizens" award for 2006-2007 to the following winning projects:

"**Why All Different - When All Equal**". A project designed to promote integration and active participation of disadvantaged youth into social life. Carried out by the Youth Union "Bridge to the Future" (Azerbaijan);

"**Théâtre Franco-Bulgare des Sciences: Entrons dans la science a travers le Théâtre**". A joint project carried out by the "MOGA.ZNAM.TVORIM" Association (Bulgaria/France);

"**Jung+Moslem in Deutschland 2**". A project to build bridges between young people. Carried out by the "Medienprojekt Wuppertal e.V." (Germany);

"**Community of the Unlike**". A project to encourage intercultural co-operation to promote human rights education. Carried out by the All Russian Children's Centre "Orlyonok" (Russian Federation);

"**Nothing about us, without us. Practice tool**". A project to promote participation, human rights and good governance. Carried out by the Young City Council of Odessa (Ukraine).