



### DATES



### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8 MARCH

International Women's Day is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world. This date is also commemorated at the United Nations and is designated in many countries as a national holiday.

When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development.

Read more here:

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>



### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION 21 MARCH

On 21 March 1960, in the township of Sharpeville, South Africa, police opened fire and killed 69 people who were peacefully demonstrating against apartheid's "pass laws."

The United Nations General Assembly subsequently declared that day, 21 March, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and called on the international community not only to commemorate that tragedy, but also to work together to combat racism and discrimination wherever they exist.

Read more here:

<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/racial/>

### UNITED NEWS



### EUROPEAN-WIDE ACTION WEEK AGAINST RACISM

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.

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



### 40 MEASURES FOR COMBATING RACISM AT SCHOOL

The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) has just produced a list of measures which are specific and simple to implement in schools, in a recommendation published on March 21. "Across Europe, racist incidents among young people are on the rise. School is the place to make or break our efforts to stop this trend", stated Terry Davis on this occasion. The President of the ECRI, Eva Smith Asmussen, added: "Quality education, which is compulsory and equally accessible to all, is the key to combating racism and racial discrimination in our societies".

Read text of recommendation here:

<http://network.ngo.lv/>

### EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS



### 2007 INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people up to 25 years old from around the world are invited to submit their creative ideas on the theme: "The role of media and information and communication technologies in building a peaceful world".

The first prize winners will receive a cash award and a trip to Japan. The winners will be announced in November 2007 on the web sites of the Goi Peace Foundation and of UNESCO.

**The deadline for entry is 30 June 2007**

The contest is organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the Goi Peace Foundation.

All necessary information is available on:

[http://www.goipeace.or.jp/english/activities/programs/0702\\_00.htm](http://www.goipeace.or.jp/english/activities/programs/0702_00.htm)