**International interactive youth event "Active Young People Against Hate Speech"**

**28 September, 10.00 - 17.30, Riga, Latvia**

Latvian Centre for Human Rights and “Participation for All!” is inviting young people to an interactive youth event!

Hate speech is often used as a tool to target different vulnerable groups, especially minorities. It a causes alienation and exclusion of certain groups and individuals. Hate speech undermines human dignity. It weakens democracy and strengthens positions of radicals, populists and Eurosceptics.

**How young people, every one of us, can counter hate speech? To find the answer you are welcome to attend the interactive youth event "Active Young People Against Hate Speech"!**

During the interactive youth event we will:

- understand hate speech phenomena, its impact and consequences;

- understand the notion of freedom of speech as one of the fundamental values, discuss its role and possible restrictions;

- debate on important cultural, social, political issues on local and European level;

- learn about various Latvian and EU initiatives for combating hate speech and how each of us can promote tolerance and human rights.

The seminar is open to young people aged 16-30.\*

Organisers will provide the participants with lunch and coffee breaks during the events, cover public transport expenses to Riga and back for participants from regions or abroad, accommodation (one night) if necessary, take care of epidemiological measures. Confirmed participants will receive more detailed information.

Working language of the event is Latvian/English.

**In order to apply please fill-in, the online form:** [**https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvvfEi7q-B5Av-OvU25aiuqkyGUZC42BjLLvzlJIecGgXrxw/viewform**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvvfEi7q-B5Av-OvU25aiuqkyGUZC42BjLLvzlJIecGgXrxw/viewform)

Deadline for applications: 21 September 2021.

Number of participants is limited, so don’t leave registration for the last minute!

Participants will be awarded with certificates of attendance.

*\* Due to epidemiological restrictions in order to take part in the event, participants have to show valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate together with personal identification document.*

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9:30-10:00 Registration/coffee

10:00-11:30 Opening/Introduction

What is hate speech?

11:30-11:45 *coffee break*

11:45 – 13:15 What causes hate speech? What is impact and consequences of hate speech?

13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch*

14:15 – 15:45 Hate speech vs. freedom of speech. Does freedom of speech have limits?

15:45– 16:00 *coffee break*

16:00 – 17:30 How young people can counter hate speech and promote European values? Interactive exhibition “Europe without hate”

Closure

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