

The theme
Combating Hate speech
in the program of ONGFest 2014

Combating Hate speech is the main theme of ONGFest 2014 – The National Festival of NGOs in Romania. Between May 9th and 11th, in Herăstrău Park, at the Romanian Parliament and at the UN House, Romanian NGOs, and international NGOs as well, mobilize their skills and their resources against hateful speech.

This type of speech is a growing phenomenon: it is found in the statements of public figures, in the media and especially in the various forms of online socializing. And the groups targeted in Romania are especially of ethnic and sexual minorities.

These types of discourses have begun to be associated in criminal activity, hate, prejudice, and discrimination. A strong reaction to reject such an event is essential and ONGFest 2014 envisages clogging this reaction.

Daily, fair visitors can take part in non-formal events and debates that highlight the effects of hateful speech and seeks solutions for its reduction. You will find below detailed information about events and debates that address the topic of hateful speech.

Saturday, May 10th: Non-formal Events

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	A FEW EXTRA DETAILS	WHERE
10.00 - 20.00	Blue Box	Delivering Life	Blue Box is a mood changing experience. And a perfect match for a walk in the park during the weekend.	The Non-formal zone
12.00 - 18.00	Treasure hunt	FDSC	A treasure hunt – Love disappeared. It was stolen by hate. Find out what you can do to get it back and keep it around. At the end, you will get a prize.	Information point 1
16.00	STOP the hateful speech on Roma women	Centrul FILIA together with Asociația E-Romnja	We will prepare, with the help of volunteers, a banner to draw attention towards hate speech against Roma women and blame the actions and public statements encouraging sterilization of Roma women.	At tent 57
16.00 - 18.00	Flashmob	Organizația Suedează pentru Ajutor Umanitar Individual	The “Swedish Organization for individual humanitarian aid” arranges a 3D-dance under the slogan “Dance beyond differences”. Volunteers will dance for the organization and visitors can join them to demonstrate that any differences can be overcome and can be treated with calm, respect, sensitivity....	At tent 22
17.00 - 19.00	LGBTQ Live Library	Asociația ACCEPT	"Living Library LGBT" is an event that aims to promote respect for human rights and human dignity. As with any other library, visitors can borrow and read one or more books ... But the "books" are not objects, but people. Reading a book from the Living Library organized by ACCEPT means to have a dialogue with people from the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer people) community about their life stories, about prejudice, stereotyping and discrimination faced often, about dreams, ideals and hopes that animate them. It is a unique experience of knowledge, communication and learning, and an opportunity to reflect on human diversity.	At tent 56

Saturday, May 10th: Debates

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11.00 - 13.00	0-tolerance towards hate speech in the political sphere	FDSC	The event will bring together representatives of political youth organizations and women's organizations of the major parties, with practitioners of NGOs and journalists to discuss honestly and identify tools to eliminate hate speech elements in political discourse, based on the findings in the "Hate speech in Romania» study conducted by the Civil Society Development Foundation, CSDF.	UN House
13.00 – 14.00	Hate speech on YouTube	Google România	The incidence of hate speech on YouTube will be analysed and discussed with the students of the Faculty of Journalism and Communication at the University of Bucharest.	The debate tent A
13.00 - 14.30	Aversion and diversions Offensive speech in the media: between free speech and violating human dignity	FDSC and ActiveWatch - Agenția de Monitorizare a Presei	We will analyze the media offensive speech in a discussion with Mircea Toma (ActiveWatch), Istvan Haller (National Council for Combating Discrimination), Delia Panait (Font Association and producer at Radio Guerrilla Front), Theodore Tiță (Content Manager at Digi24), Irina Ursu (Prima TV), Florin Buhuceanu (The aCEPT association) and other journalists and representatives of NGOs.	UN House
15.00 - 16.30	Acting against Hate Speech across Europe - Exchange of Experience	FDSC	The (NO) hate speech exchange of experience session is intended for the international ONGFest participants to meet their Romanian counterparts, while sharing their experience or presenting good practices from their countries related to projects combating hate speech. Working language: English	The European tent

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16.00 - 17.00	Screening of the movie "On Decency"	One World Romania	Presented in the "Hate seriously harms health"-section of the 2013 edition of the festival One World Romania, this documentary shows how the roots of hatred grow slowly, silently among us up to flare. In recent years, the city district Janov Litvinov was confronted with a significant influx of "problem families" coming from everywhere. Filmed patiently in an analytical manner, "On Decency" captures shadows and intolerance towards minorities among a segment of the Czech population and reveals dark repercussions in everyday life. Excellent integration of video images recorded by the cameras of the city adds a dimension of reflective poetry to the more paranoid dynamics of relations between the majority and minority of Janov.	At tent 82
17.00 - 18.00	Screening of The movie Turner Film Diaries	One World Romania	Presented in the "Hate seriously harms health"-section of the 2013 edition of the festival One World Romania, this documentary outlines a fictional world, warning on the effects that such a feeling could have if we allow rage unhindered. "Turner Film Diaries" is a pseudo-documentary inspired by the dystopian eponymous book published in 1978 by William Pierce - an extremist manifesto disguised as a fiction about ethnic cleansing global action completed successfully. Considered a "book of hate" by the Simon Wiesenthal	At tent 82



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			Center, "Turner Diaries Movie" is the book with the highest circulation among right-wing extremists.	

Sunday, May 11th: Debates

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11.00 - 13.00	Thematic Session: Perspectives on Combating Hate speech	FDSC	Thematic session that aims to explore the Hate speech topic in terms of approaches and concepts and to provide a space for networking and exchange of best practice in this area which could lead to possible future partnerships. The session is supported by Vlad Dumitrescu, Project Manager CSDF.	Debate tent A
13.00 - 14.00	Academic debate on "hateful religious speech should be punished" Format: American Parliamentary (2v2)	Asociația Română de Dezbateri, Oratorie și Retorică (ARDOR)	The event will consist of an academic debate, two teams of two speakers will take turns speaking, arguing for and against the topic. Finally, the public will be invited to vote.	UN House
13.00 – 14.00	Many faces - one heart! Pro-diversity education starts small!	Asociația de Ajutor AMURTEL România în parteneriat cu Asociația Educației Neoumanistă	A proper education starts from early childhood to accept "diversity ", because that's what we should talk about being different, to choose differently and live differently. Inclusive approach practiced in Neo-humanist Education helps children to expand their "circle of love" while visions about the world, themselves and "others" is a hypothetical stage of training. Behind prejudice, intolerance, discrimination and other forms of social injustice that "sicken" the world, there is fear of the "other" as something foreign, unknown and separate self. The debate welcomes educators, social workers working with children and parents - all who want to help children to be more free and comfortable with diversity. Speakers: Didi Deshaies, President Association Help AMURTEL and Neoumanist Education Association, and Magda Zambet, educational director at Rasarit Kindergarten and vice - president of the Neoumanist Education Association.	Debate tent A

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14.00 – 16.00	Hate speech in the public discourse	Centrul de Studii în Idei Politice	<p>The event aims to identify elements related to hate speech in Romanian public discourses.</p> <p>Alongside the public, public discourse will unfold in its three main elements: media, politics and civil society. We will discuss for each of these the forms of hate speech prevalent and who are the responsible actors (from opinion makers, intellectuals, the political representatives). Finally we try to raise awareness on the various forms that the hate speech can take in public.</p> <p>Speakers: lect. univ. Dr. Valentin Nicolescu Quintus, lect. univ. Dr. Diana Elena Neaga.</p>	UN House

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