

# INTERNATIONAL WEEKS AGAINST RACISM

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# The International Weeks Against Racism

The United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March commemorates the victims of the Sharpeville massacre on 21 March 1960, when South African police opened fire and killed 69 peaceful demonstrators in the township of Sharpeville.

Several thousand events take place every year in Germany and throughout Europe as part of the International Weeks against Racism, which set the tone against racism and for a peaceful and cosmopolitan society.

## Racism has many faces

- **Racism does not only encompass one's origin or skin colour ...** but is also directed against religions, cultures and worldviews.
- **Racism is not a distant phenomenon, that only takes place elsewhere ...** but is also a daily reality here in Germany and Europe.
- **Racism is not just about "the others" practiced ...** but we ourselves are not free from prejudices and resentments towards other people and groups.

## Racism is commonplace

- a black person is denied membership in a gym,
- an applicant with a foreign-sounding surname does not receive an apartment inspection appointment,
- a Muslim applicant is rejected for a job because of her headscarf.

## Racism is hurtful

- Victims of racism are not seen as individuals, but generally as members of a group ("Blacks", "Jews", "Muslims", "Roma").
- They are automatically marked as foreign and not accompanying and cannot participate in society on an equal basis.
- They are often thought to have brought racist attacks on themselves with their own behaviour.

The Foundation against Racism is committed to combating all forms of discrimination. Specifically, this also means unequal treatment based on sexual identity, gender, disability or age – to name just a few forms of discrimination.

## Take action against racism

Every personal commitment can make a difference! Take advantage of the many opportunities to take action against racism, antisemitism and exclusion.

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