

WHO WE ARE?

STOWARZYSZENIE "NIGDY WIĘCEJ"
"NEVER AGAIN" ASSOCIATION

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Mission

The mission of 'NEVER AGAIN' Association is to promote multicultural understanding and to contribute to the development of a democratic civil society in Poland. 'NEVER AGAIN' is particularly concerned with the problem of education against racial and ethnic prejudices among the young.

It had existed as an informal group since 1992 and it was officially registered in 1996.

Objectives

The major objectives of 'NEVER AGAIN' Association include:

- breaking the silence and raising awareness of the problem of racism and xenophobia in contemporary Poland
- building a broad and inclusive movement against racism and discrimination
- eliminating or marginalizing racist, xenophobic and antisemitic tendencies in various spheres of life

'NEVER AGAIN' is an independent organization, not linked to any political party.

Action

Since 1994 'NEVER AGAIN' has produced a regular publication in the form of 'NEVER AGAIN' ('NIGDY WIĘCEJ') magazine, providing reliable information and in-depth analysis on hate crime and on extremist and racist groups operating in Poland and in the rest of Europe.

'NEVER AGAIN' closely monitors racism and xenophobia on the ground. Through its national network of voluntary correspondents and regular grass-roots contacts with various minority communities, 'NEVER AGAIN' has built the most extensive register of racist incidents and other xenophobic crimes committed in Poland, the 'Brown Book'.

The 'NEVER AGAIN' Association also provides information directly to journalists and researchers interested in the problem of racism and xenophobia. 'NEVER AGAIN' has consulted numerous programs on the national television, as well as assisted in writing many articles for the national and international press. About 2,000 press articles, books, TV and radio broadcasts have been prepared with the assistance of 'NEVER AGAIN'.

'NEVER AGAIN' has provided expertise to institutions such as the Parliamentary Committee on Ethnic Minorities as well as consulted and influenced legislation on issues of racism and xenophobia. Among others, it successfully campaigned for a ban on racist and neo-nazi activities to be included in Poland's Constitution. It has consulted the National Action Plan against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

'NEVER AGAIN' has cooperated with international organizations, including the Council of Europe, the United Nations, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. It has actively participated in international networks, including UNITED for Intercultural Action, the International Network against Cyber Hate (INACH), Football against Racism in Europe (FARE), Helsinki Citizens' Assembly (hCa), and the Anti-fascist Network for Research and Education (Antifanet).

'NEVER AGAIN' has launched the 'Delete Racism' project to combat racism and antisemitism on the Internet. It has also conducted successful high-profile educational campaigns in the field of popular culture, 'Music Against Racism' and 'Let's Kick Racism out of the Stadiums'. It is currently planning major educational activities to take place before and during the European Football Championship in Poland and Ukraine in 2012.

Moreover, 'NEVER AGAIN' has participated in important initiatives to commemorate the Holocaust and other historical events such as the Spanish Civil War.

The wide-ranging activity of 'NEVER AGAIN' has achieved broad national and international recognition. Nevertheless, the Association has struggled with a severe lack of funding for its anti-racist activities. Your donation, however small, will help us continue the fight against racism, antisemitism and discrimination in Poland.

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