

NEVER AGAIN Association



MISSION

The 'NEVER AGAIN' Association is an independent civil society organization founded in Warsaw in 1996. It has campaigned against racism, antisemitism, and xenophobia, for peace, intercultural dialogue and human rights across the world.

The 'NEVER AGAIN' Association's co-founder and longtime leader was Marcin Kornak. From the age of fifteen, due to an accident, Marcin lived with a physical disability. He was an activist and a public figure as well as a poet and songwriter who collaborated with independent rock bands. Marcin passed away in 2014 at the age of 46, but his legacy lives on.

The major objectives of the 'NEVER AGAIN' Association include:

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

ACTION

Since 1994 'NEVER AGAIN' has produced a regular publication in the form of 'NEVER AGAIN' ('NIGDY WIECEJ') magazine (nowadays e-zine), providing reliable information and in-depth analysis on hate crime and on extremist and racist groups.

'NEVER AGAIN' closely monitors racism and discrimination on the ground. Through its 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 contributed to numerous programs on television (including BBC, CNN, Euronews, ARTE), as well as assisted in writing many press articles (including for The Guardian, New York Times, Le Monde, Die Tageszeitung, Gazeta Wyborcza, and many more).

'NEVER AGAIN' has provided expertise as well as consulted 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.

'NEVER AGAIN' has cooperated with major international organizations, including the United Nations (UN), the European Union (EU), the Council of Europe (CoE), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). It has actively participated in international civil society networks, including the Alliance Against Genocide (AAG), the European Network for Countering Antisemitism through Education (ENCATE), Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE), the International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH), the Global Alliance Against Digital Hate and Extremism (GADHE), and the European Network for Solidarity with Ukraine (ENSU).



Since the early 2000s, 'NEVER AGAIN' has run the 'Racism Delete' campaign to combat racism and antisemitism on the Internet. The Association takes part in international projects to counteract online hate speech such as 'Get The Trolls Out' and 'SafeNet'.

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'. Every year, during the biggest open-air free music festival in Europe, Pol'and'Rock, also known as Polish Woodstock, the 'NEVER AGAIN' Association organizes a football tournament promoting the message of 'Let's Kick Racism out of the Stadiums'.

It implemented the UEFA EURO 2012 'Respect Diversity' programme: major educational and awareness-raising activities that took place before and during the European Football Championships in Poland and Ukraine.

Since the mid-1990s, the 'NEVER AGAIN' Association as the first organization in Poland has offered non-material support to individuals who are getting out of the trap of far-right ideologies. 'NEVER AGAIN' has offered them support and ethical guidelines in their path of deradicalization. Moreover, the 'NEVER AGAIN' Association has conducted numerous actions promoting diversity and respect in cooperation with prison personnel and inmates.

We have organized activities in solidarity with refugees from Ukraine and other countries. We have challenged and exposed those who try to incite hatred against refugees.

Moreover, 'NEVER AGAIN' has participated in important initiatives to commemorate the Holocaust and to combat genocide denial in Europe and in Southeast Asia.

The 'NEVER AGAIN' Association supports and promotes, through event partnership, the initiatives which are in line with its mission across the world. The 'NEVER AGAIN' Association invites online volunteers from all over the world! Please join us wherever you are, we welcome all backgrounds and cultures.

DONATION

If you wish to support us financially - your donation, however small, will help us continue the fight against racism, antisemitism and discrimination.

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