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WHAT IS WORSE?

MEETING WITH COLLEAGUES

You have a big problem...

YOU ARE A WOMAN, YOU WILL NEVER GET ANYWHERE!

MAN...
GO TO YOUR
COUNTRY

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INTERNET FORUM

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GAY ...!!

IS IT EASIER TO SAY IT ON THE INTERNET?

CAN WE SAY EVERYTHING ON THE INTERNET ...?





Hate speech is based on hatred and includes "all forms of expression that propagate, incite, promote or justify racial hatred, xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred based on intolerance" (Council of Europe). Hate speech constitutes a violation of human rights.

Hate Speech can be expressed online and offline and, in both, it can have serious consequences on the lives of people who are victims of this type of action.

The Internet can be a channel for the dissemination of hate messages and abuses, and can threaten fundamental values of democratic society. It is essential to identify all types of Hate Speech and develop skills, knowledge and attitudes to prevent or reduce it.

The Internet needs to be a reflection of Human Rights principles and standards. All the principles of a democratic society must apply in the online world





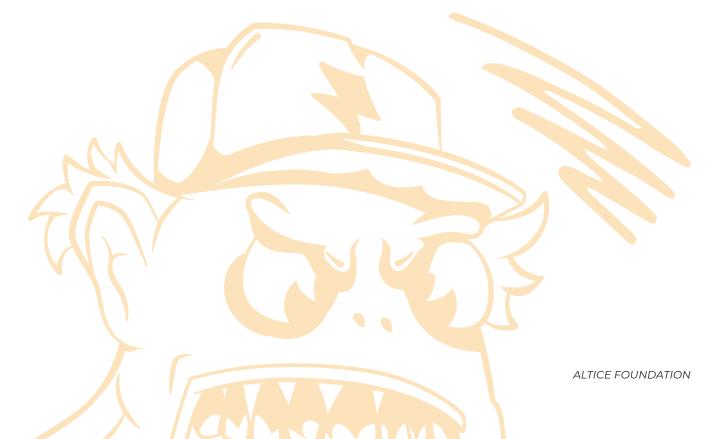
YOUNG PEOPLE AND

Young people play a very important role in fighting Hate Speech, once they are online citizens. The Internet is the privileged means of communication for young people, therefore it is in this space that they give their opinions, develop their ideas and actively participate in social and sharing networks. Thus, it is also in this space that young people can be responsible for defending Human Rights and for not violating these rights.

Young people can play a fundamental role in refuting this type of discourse, and in raising awareness and creating a safer and more conscious Internet for everybody.

Being adolescence a period of personality building, it is very important that parents make their children aware of the need to have a critical sense regarding what they see on the Internet, what they share or comment on. Hate speech is a problem of the Internet that has to be fought by all, namely by children and young people who will be the next generation of adults

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HINTS/ SUGGESTIONS



Explain the concept and principles of Human Rights

What are they? How can they be defended? How are they applied offline and online?

Distinguish between the online and offline context

for applying human rights.

Ask your child if he/she knows

what "hate speech" means.

Ask your child

if Hate Speech happens only in "real life" or if it also happens in the online world?

Ask your child's opinion

What are the consequences of Hate Speech when it happens offline and online?

Ask if he/she ever had contact with this type of speech,

and if he/she can show any example.

Show some examples of Hate Speech

(cyberbullying, bullying, racism, discriminatory behaviour).

Teach your child that freedom of speech

does not give the right to offend, discriminate, hurt, hate, be intolerant or abusive.

Explain that online actions and behaviours

actions and have real consequences.

HOW TO ACT?

Make your child aware that the Internet is a public space - What you write, read, share on the Internet takes on a greater dimension than in "real life". Anyone can be an author, a public speaker, and there are positive and negative consequences from their post(s).

Do not ignore posts, videos, websites that encourage Hate Speech.

Respect and tolerance for the Other must always be present - whether offline or online.

Encourage your child to be a defender of Human Rights on the Internet.

Report posts, videos, websites that encourage Hate Speech.

Raise your child's awareness to not be indifferent to hatred and discrimination.

Every little action counts

- we can all do something against Hate Speech.

Encourage critical thinking in children and young people
They should think before commenting or sharing –
They should not believe everything they see, read or hear on the Internet, social networks or messages.

Children and young
people may be more than
only witnesses

- They can also be victims of
this type of discourse.
Encourage them to report
situations that cause them
discomfort.

Encourage empathy for the Other, to diminish Hate Speech, both online and offline.

Call Online Safety Helpline 800 21 90 90 (free call)





The aim of this activity is to provide students with resources that allow them to reflect on the topic of Hate Speech.





QUESTIONS

How can Hate Speech online be reduced?

Why do people feel more comfortable expressing opinions and attacking others on the Internet?

What can we do to make the internet a better place?

Which core values and principles should be considered for a Hate-free Internet?

Does freedom of speech allow offending others, whether offline or online?

What should we do when we see websites or posts encouraging Hate Speech?



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