

Social Forum against Islamophobia

City: Barcelona

Organisation responsible: Unitat Contra el Feixisme i el Racisme

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Activity: Social Forum that gathered human rights activists and experts to analyse the challenge of islamophobia and all kinds of racism, in a participatory platform organised in workshops.



Objectives

- Raising awareness about xenophobia, racism and fascism presence in the Catalan society.
- Fighting stigmatisation and prejudices against the Muslim community.
- Promoting the refugees welcoming movement.

Description

The Social Forum was organised in a first Plenary Session, with the participation of human rights activists from different backgrounds, such as Daniela Rosenfeld (director of the Jewish Cinema Festival of Barcelona), Fátima Taleb (councillor of Badalona), Fatou Secka (Women Rights activist), María González (mother of Ismael, a young Muslim boy who was imprisoned and accused of being terrorist because of clicking "Like" in Facebook), Noemi Fernández (FAGIC activist), Saida Dazeera (Women against Islamophobia organisation from Holand), and Wafae Moussaoui Rahhab (Catalan Islamic Culture Centre).

It was followed by different workshops on specific issues, among which fascism in Europe, the Media, islamophobia and education, antiziganism, antisemitism, right to a worship centre, gender islamophobia, antiracist fight and refugees welcoming.

Beneficiaries

Open to the public.

GOAL 2: Reinforce education and resilience at local level

(64) Promote anti-rumors networks to face hatred and intolerance and reinforce local resilience in face of the message of violent extremist.

GOAL 8: Raise alternative narratives in social media and traditional media

(120) Design and implement awareness raising campaigns informing about the negative impact of violent extremist ideologies targeting the same audience of hate speech promoters.

GOAL 9: Promote the adoption of local, regional and National Plans of Actions

(129) Ensure that Plans of Actions do not to focus exclusively on religious extremism, but consider instead the full range of extremist discourses and behaviors. Racist, ultra-nationalist or extreme-right ideologies are other current threats that foster violent extremism.