Council of Europe's No Hate Speech movement wants to make internet safer

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Statement by Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland on the occasion of Safer Internet Day

Children and young people need to be safe when they use the Internet, safe from abuse, safe from cyberbullying and safe from hate speech.

Safer Internet Day offers us an opportunity to understand how hate speech content can affect the safety of young people and children online.

On this occasion, the Council of Europe is holding a European Action Day as part of our <u>No Hate Speech Movement</u>, a campaign devised and being run by young people.

In February, activists of the movement are compiling reports of hate speech that can endanger young people or children.

The No Hate Speech movement involves national campaign committees within the 47 member states of the Council of Europe. 38 member states are already developing national campaigns. This is a good start and I encourage more countries to join us.

The Internet today represents the sum of what users do with it, so let's create a better Internet together!

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