In this online learning tool young people share their experiences and voice their opinions. This new website reflects the diversity of experiences and challenges that Europe faces today. It helps each of us to reflect on our roles in response to antisemitism and other forms of discrimination.

European and multi-lingual
The new online learning tool will be a multi-language educational website to help young people between 14 - 17 across Europe explore the topics of hate speech, exclusion and discrimination. The need to support educators in this field has become even more apparent against the current events, including the recent violent attacks in Paris, Copenhagen and Brussels, and the refugee situation. It will be available in all the national languages of seven countries (Austria, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine) and in English. Rollout and testing begin in 2016. The project is being developed by partners in the seven countries.

More understanding, better resources
Research for the project started in 2013 with an international youth conference, ‘Stories that Move’, in Berlin, followed by an expert meeting in Berlin in 2014 for educators from 14 countries. Research has indicated that teachers want more knowledge and better resources to educate about different forms of discrimination. There is a particular need to address antisemitism in a way that makes it clear to teachers and pupils that this is a relevant issue to society today, needing to be discussed and more fully understood. However, a broader approach to the discrimination that Jews, Roma, Muslims, LGBT and other minorities face across Europe will make it possible to focus on all forms of prejudice and discrimination. Educators and learners will find ready-to-use learning paths, with multiple layers of information, assignments and life stories. The online learning tool takes the experiences of young people as a starting point.

‘We should mobilise the power of solidarity by making the diversity of experiences of discrimination the subject of discussion. It’s all about empowerment and activating people.’

Thomas Krüger, president of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education at the expert meeting 2014.
Learning from one another
Antisemitism, racism, discrimination against Muslims, Roma and LGBT are issues throughout Europe, in classrooms as well as outside. Using the voices of young people themselves is an effective way to explore the meaning and impact of hate speech, exclusion and discrimination, and highlight the fact that antisemitism and other forms of prejudice are still relevant and present today. Examples given by peers of their experiences and their responses to particular situations can give important insights and empowerment to young people.

‘I think dialogue is essential if we want to achieve any form of change.’
Alemanji Aminkeng Atabong, educator University of Helsinki at the expert meeting in 2014.

Freshly clicked
The online learning tool offers materials and methods that speak to young people, challenging them in an attractive way to think about diversity and discrimination. Filmed interviews will feed into the tool, with young people sharing their experiences of exclusion, discrimination and hate crimes. The tools will lead to reflection and discussions on what each person, individually or as part of a group, can do to respond adequately. The online learning tool will underline the European dimension of the shared history of antisemitism and other forms of discrimination.

Testing, testing
Rollout of the online learning tool starts in 2016 and includes an extensive testing phase. The project, including seminars with experts, will run through to 2018. We are inviting educators from across Europe to take part in this international project. Send us an email if you would like to involve your students in giving feedback on the English language test version in spring 2016.

Further information?
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The materials provided will:
✓ help work toward a safe learning environment
✓ make sensitive issues okay to talk about
✓ create a greater understanding of the complexity of discrimination in all its forms
✓ create awareness of the importance of taking action

The online learning tool consists of learning paths on:
1 Identity and diversity
2 Discrimination
3 Life stories connecting past and present
4 Media literacy
5 Taking action

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