

WHO ARE WE ?

The International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICRA), established in 1927, is one of the oldest non-governmental organization fighting against racism and antisemitism.

Founded by Bernard Lecache, a French journalist, the International League Against Antisemitism (LICA) at that time, extended its action to avoid the European rise of extremism – Nazism and Fascism - in the 30ies. Almost a century later, the League continues in fighting against the growing political and social acceptance of xenophobia and discriminations. Our NGO is present in France and in others European countries as Switzerland, Austria and Spain; in African countries as Cameroun and soon in Tunisia; in the United States of America especially in New York. This network provides local actions and in parallel, ensures the coordination of international projects.

OUR ACTIONS FIELDS

Licra develops different types of actions thanks to the help of active volunteers divided into several committees: “Memory, History and Human rights”; “Legal affairs”; “Education”; “Culture”; “Sport”; “International affairs”; “Youth”.

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Our first mission is offering a free legal assistance to victims of racism and antisemitism. Licra which was at the origin of the French antiracist legislation of 1972, can join a civil action in order to help a victim. The legal department is composed of one hundred of volunteer lawyers. 944 victims has been helped by the legal department in 2016. A new committee called “Licranet” which is also composed of volunteer lawyers, was developing for fighting against cyber-hate. 1, 700 hate-speech contents have been reported last year. The legal department has concluded a lot of partnerships especially with police and justice institutions.

EDUCATION

Licra also develops pedagogical actions and professional training in partnership with educational institutions. The educational committee create tools in line with the actual problematics of antisemitism and racism. It also proposes lectures, films, theatre plays, school competitions and study trips for example in Auschwitz-Birkenau. In 2016, 28, 840 scholars have been sensitized to the problematics of anti-Semitism and racism..

MEMORY

Programs and actions for the transmission of the memory have been developed by Licra. The INGO is present for the legal action connected with genocides (Holocaust, Tutsi of Rwanda for example). It helps for the development of the places of memory, of the commemorations and of the defense of all victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes. Licra has partnerships with memory institutions (French Holocaust Museum, “le Mémorial de la Shoah”; Les Milles Camps, “Camps des Milles”). Licra also proposes lectures about “denialism”, revisionism, transmission of the memory.

CULTURE

In the culture field, Licra organizes different types of cultural events in order to exchange and to share new ideas. A label has been created for promoting theatre plays. Licra also takes part in international cultural festivals. Licra’s young volunteers are engaged in making people more aware of the rise of extremism, antisemitism and racism in Europe. They are present in cultural and artistic festivals for meeting people, exchanging ideas and promoting Human rights and tolerance.