INTERNATIONALE WOCHEN GEGEN RASSISMUS
16.-29. März 2020

INTERNATIONAL ANTI-RACISM ACTION WEEKS 2020
The United Nations’ International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March commemorates the victims of the Sharpeville massacre on 21 March 1960, when South African police opened fire and killed 69 peaceful demonstrators in the township of Sharpeville.

In Germany and the rest of Europe, thousands of events are held every year during the International Anti-Racism Action Weeks, sending out a strong anti-racism message and promoting a peaceful and tolerant world society.

**Racism has many faces**

- **Racism is not just about ethnicity and colour** … it also targets people’s faith, culture, worldview, sexual identity, gender, disability and age.

- **Racism isn’t just happening somewhere else. It’s close to home** … and a daily reality here in Germany and Europe.

- **Racism isn’t just about someone else’s attitudes** … we ourselves are not free of prejudice and resentment towards other people and groups.

**Racism is happening every day**

- When a black person is refused membership of a fitness club,

- When an applicant with a foreign-sounding name is refused an appointment to view a flat,

- When a Muslim woman is refused work because she wears a headscarf.

**Racism hurts!**

- Victims of racism are often not seen as individuals but simply as members of a group (“Blacks”, “Jews”, “Muslims”, “Roma”).

- They are often regarded as “different” and denied opportunities to participate equally in society.

- They are often thought to have brought racist attacks on themselves with their own behaviour.

**Taking action against racism**

Everyone can make a difference! There are many ways in which you can take action against racism and social exclusion.