



racism & bigotry is violence

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Australians pride ourselves on being a multicultural & respectful society, yet racism, & bigotry often motivate crimes of assault & harassment.

In our community, active hate groups co-ordinate systematic violence against certain minority groups, & individuals pick fights & harass people with different ethnicities & religions.

This violence is motivated by fear & ignorance. So let's start educating ourselves & others against prejudice & hate.

What can I do?

- Challenge your friends & family members racism with humour & education
- Stand up to those who make racist jokes or remarks
- Make friends with people from groups you don't usually associate with
- Learn more about cultures different to your own
- Think about the words you use & be aware of cultural differences in the way we communicate
- Respect diversity & be grateful that we do not live in a boring world where we are all the same
- Get involved in Harmony Day on March 21st (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination). To find out what's happening 1800 33 1100, e-mail: harmonyday@immi.gov.au or visit: www.immi.gov.au/harmony

**Imagine a week of open minds not closed fists
– let's make it a reality**

