HOW DO YOU REACT TO HATE SPEECH?

You've read an instance of hate speech. What do you do? "All Muslims are terrorists", "Niggers are dumb", "Take a pill, dirty gay." You might read these things somewhere. Maybe you don't quite know what to do about it. But you can't just let it pass! So what's the best way to react?

DO'S

- **Make it clear that you don't agree.** Show that there are people who won't tolerate statements like these.
- **Show solidarity.** Show victims, especially those you know, that you think it's crude and insulting.
- **Don't be afraid to ask why someone would say such things.** Especially if you know the person. Is it out of frustration, because of bad experiences, out of fear? Asking questions forces the person to think about their message.
- **Correct false information.** You probably won't convince the hater, but you might convince other readers.
- **Remove if necessary.** Too crude for words? Remove the post, especially on your own wall or page. Or report to the platform (e.g. Facebook, YouTube, forums ...). If they don't know about it, they can't do anything about it.

DON'TS

- **Don't like, share, or react with 'angry face'.** You'll only make the hateful message more popular and widely visible.
- **Don't retort with crude language.** That doesn't help anyone.
- **Don't get lost in endless discussions.** It probably won't interest the hater. Keep it short but powerful.
- **Don't lose hope!** No matter how hard you try, there will always be haters.