Halting Hatred

Young People Are on the Front Lines of the Battle to Banish Racist Attitudes

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Racism. Stop it!

This short, simple slogan was part of a campaign to promote the U.N. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, on Sunday, March 21.

It sums up the message that thirteen-year-old filmmaker Andrea Ibsen wants to get out. The situation “is improving, but we still have a lot more to do,” she says.

Ibsen and two of her classmates, Kate Dougall, thirteen, and Jamie Arfin, fourteen, were the youngest of ten winning teams from across Canada in the Stop Racism National Video Competition in 1998.

Their submission depicted children playing at a nursery accompanied by messages such as: “Everyone is the same; all these babies are beautiful.”

It's a Wrap: Andrea Ibsen, centre, and her friends Kate Dougall, left, and Jamie Arfin made a winning video for the Stop Racism National Video Competition in 1998. Their submission showed youngsters of diverse backgrounds playing at a nursery.