

# YOUTH MANIFESTO AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA

## *Principles and actions for a plural, inclusive and cohesive society*

As part of the First "INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA", held in Rome from 24 to 26 September 2021, the Master Equity Defenders of the "YES - Youth Empowerment Support" Project and participants at the FORUM promote the following Manifesto.

Given that  
to prevent and combat Islamophobia and to implement what is stated in the following manifesto, we believe that advocacy action towards institutions is necessary so that they can implement policies that promote a society based on interaction, knowledge and mutual respect with the ultimate goal of protecting and guaranteeing equal opportunities for all citizens

### **WE BELIEVE**

that systemic support is necessary for everyone to be aware and free to assert their identity and become an agent and protagonist within society

*through the following actions:*

- facilitate the expression of plurality within public / private spaces;
- empowerment and psychological support aimed at young people with the aim of increasing self-esteem and supporting the multiple identities of the new generation with a migratory background;
- encourage positive role models

### **WE THINK**

that the group, understood as young active citizens, can act as an intermediary between individuals and society, promoting the response to needs and encouraging active participation, each with its own identity and specificity

*through the following actions:*

- promote training on rights and tools to be used in cases of discrimination;
- raise awareness on the issue of discrimination and Islamophobia in school and at work, private and public contexts;
- facilitate spaces for interreligious dialogue and with institutions.

### **WE BELIEVE**

that it is necessary to act through the involvement of all the actors of the different communities, civil society and institutions

*through the following actions:*

- promote orientation and support services for victims of discrimination;
- encourage an on-going professional ethics training to ensure aware and respectful behavior when it comes to diversity;
- support the continuity of events such as the "International Youth Forum Against Islamophobia", intended as a space for dialogue, exchange of experiences and construction of national and international action plans.

**FREE TO BELIEVE, FREE TO THINK, FREE TO BE**