

National demonstration

# UNITED AGAINST RACISM & DISCRIMINATION



**Saturday, March 19, 2022**

2:00 pm, from the Dam Square to the Dokwerker Memorial

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## **NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION 'UNITED AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION'**

The world has been hit hard by the corona pandemic for the past two years, putting an incredible strain on our society. Meanwhile we witnessed growing precarity within the labor market and a large shortage of affordable housing. As a result, the livelihoods of large groups of people have come under pressure. At the governmental level, institutional discrimination/racism and structural exclusion based on ethnicity and nationality continue. We see this reflected in the childcare benefits (kinderopvangtoeslagen) scandal, but also in ethnic profiling by the police.

In recent years, there has been a disturbing increase in hatred and violence based on ethnicity and identity. This is mainly due to continued growth of extreme right-wing groups in the Netherlands (and worldwide). The repercussions of this trend is reflected clearly in media coverage.

Consequently, anti-Black Pete activists, Muslims/Muslim women, Jews, LGBTQI+ers and refugees, as well as mosques and asylum seekers' centres, have been the target of verbal or physical violence by right-wing extremist groups in recent years. Fuelled by the COVID-19 pandemic, anti-Asian racism has been also on the rise.

In March 2021, right-wing and far-right parties further strengthened their position in the general elections. Elections will be held again in March 2022 – this time at the municipal level.

We must make every effort to ensure that far-right parties and racists are kept out from municipal governments. We can do so by taking a stand against these forces together.

On Saturday 19 March\*, as part of a worldwide action day, we will take to the streets in Amsterdam to fight for you – whoever you are. We are there for all colors, all ethnicities and all backgrounds, forced to flee or otherwise displaced, all religious groups, all gender identities, all orientations, abled or not, financially strong or not. You are seen and heard here, and you can claim your place here – for your sake and that of many others. It is ESSENTIAL to fight TOGETHER, to continue to find each other and to UNITE. Let's join together to build an EVEN STROGER FRONT against racism and discrimination within OUR SOCIETY.

Committee March 21

*\* March 21 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination established by the UN in response to the March 21, 1960 massacre of Black protesters in Sharpeville, South Africa, who protested the introduction of the "pass laws" (strong restriction on freedom of movement) by the Apartheid regime.*