

INFO KIT: DEMOCRACY UNDER PRESSURE

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HISTORY OF THE ACTION

For nine consecutive years the Young European Federalists (JEF Europe) have organised the pan-European “Free Belarus Action” in numerous cities across Europe on the 18th of March. This is still important but for the past few years democracy is threatened everywhere, also inside the European Union.

The democracy under pressure action is our way of standing up for the democratic values we believe in.

WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST

Democracy is being pressured from many different angles and on many different levels. Anti-immigration movements like PEGIDA and populist parties like UKIP and Front National undermine the trust in democratic societies and try to capitalise on the fundamentalist lethal assaults on the European core value of the freedom of speech in Paris and Copenhagen.

ALL OVER EUROPE

Freedom of speech, a free press, equality, rule of law, secularism of institutions and the protection of minorities are examples of the values that are constantly being challenged and threatened.

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Members
- Partners
- and supporters

Join us in showing people all over Europe that we cannot be silenced, take to the streets and take the pulse of Europe by asking for her hopes and concerns.

WHAT?

In our pan-European action this year we want to collect peoples' hopes and concerns using a black board or filling out postcards. By documenting this on www.democracyunderpressure.eu we hope to show Europe that we care for our common values.

You can also fill out this form to share your messages that we will be posted on website: belarusaction.wordpress.com/about-2/share-your-concerns

HOW?

1. Collect hopes and concerns through black board, [postcards](#) or other creative forms
2. Illustrate how we cannot be silenced
 - “Gagging of statues” is the tradition, but be creative!
3. Remember to send pictures of your action to info@jef.eu

HOW?

- Translate and personalise the [press release](#) drafted by JEF Europe
- Invite other organisations to join
- Organise a street action (you don't need a lot of people or preparation to pull it off)
- Contact local media
- Make sure to take photos and sent them to info@jef.eu

COMPETITION

The JEF-section that organises the best action will win prizes at the spring federal committee meeting in Uppsala:

We will award:

- Most creative
- Most outreach
- Best picture





RESOURCES

Download the [press release](#)

Download the [postcards](#)

Watch our [Prezi](#)

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