

UNITED FOR ALL

Together we can overcome
hate and violence

Anti-Semitism Has No Place In Our Community

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Local coalition responds to the defacing of National Holocaust Monument

Thursday, January 30, 2020, Ottawa — The partners involved in the *United For All* coalition come together to strongly condemn the defacing of the National Holocaust Monument just days after the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Coalition spokesperson Yasir Naqvi, Chief Executive Officer, Institute for Canadian Citizenship, speaks on behalf of the United for All about the incident currently under investigation by the Ottawa Police Service's Hate Crime Unit.

"We are deeply disturbed by the vandalism that has defaced a very important national memorial that honours those lost to the Holocaust and speaks to the incredible strength and courage of the survivors who made it to Canada.

"Anti-Semitism has no place in our community and we are united with the Jewish community in strongly condemning this hateful act.

"In November, more than 30 organizations came together to launch United for All. This local initiative is our community's response to overcome hate and violence in our city.

"Every single person deserves to feel safe and supported and there is no place for Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, and other forms of hate."

"United for All appreciates the rapid response from Ottawa Police— a member of the coalition — to investigate this issue by the newly established Hate Crime Unit."

About United for All: United for All is a coalition of 44 organizations representing 150+ partners who are all committed to overcoming hate-based violence, racism, and extremism in East Ontario. Since 2016, this growing partnership has brought together social service agencies, faith-based organizations, policymakers, human rights groups, health providers, school boards and post-secondary institutions, grassroots social justice groups, criminal justice professionals, cultural groups and more – all with the common mission to build safe, compassionate, resilient communities for everyone.

United for All and our partners acknowledge the privilege to be operating on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg. We recognize the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island who have been thriving on this land since time immemorial.

For more information on United for All, visit unitedforall.ca.

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