

# NEW PEOPLE OF NESEHNUTÍ



The Independent Social Ecological Movement - NESEHNUTÍ has arisen in autumn 1997 in Brno, Czech Republic with the aim to actively assist in solving problems in areas of human rights, environmental protection and animal rights with the emphasis on supporting activities of citizens guided from beneath, from people who are interested in what is going-on around them. Our activity is based on volunteers working. Any support is important for us - from distributing information materials to working on concrete campaigns. NESEHNUTÍ Brno is presently leading following campaigns, you can participate in:

## 1. FOCUSED ON HYPERMARKETS



This campaign responds to the expansion of huge shopping centres, that carries a lot of privations (transportation increase, depopulation of downtowns, disappearance of small shops, green areas occupation, aggressive and promotion strategy, infringement of the right of master and servant,...).

We are distributing informations and giving a hand with participation in making a decision on projected construction of hypermarkets and supermarkets. We are organizing discussion meetings, connected with itinerant photographical exhibitions, publishing information materials, arranging citizens' protests, taking part in administrative procedure in new shopping centres building etc. We are looking for the alternatives to uncontrolled expansion of huge shopping centres and suggesting solutions.

### We need your help especially in:

- information retrieval/monitoring and keeping informational files
- communication with abroad similarly specialized non-profit making organization

Under the terms of this campaign it is possible to communicate in English and Russian.

Web sites of this campaign: [http://www.hyper.cz\(just in Czech\).](http://www.hyper.cz(just in Czech).)

## 2. ARMS OR HUMAN RIGHTS?



The aim of our activities is to draw attention to the worldwide increasing spending for armament problem and to questionable export of arms from Czech Republic. From 1999 the worldwide spending for armament were increasing and now they are more than 1 trillion dollars per year but then in compliance with OSN data 100 million people in the world are homeless and the fifth of population starve and every year 15 million children die of hunger. Even Czech Republic takes a share in armament, i.a. its export of arms. The arms, exported from the Czech Republic, get into the countries, where the civil war or ethnic conflicts take place, where the encroaching on humans right regime reigns, or into the countries, that are engaged as a changing station for the export of arms to the countries, that are under an embargo of OSN or EU. Every two years the Czech Republic banquets one of the biggest fairs in the middle of Europe - IDET. Among the exhibitors, there are a lot of armament companies, that profit of encroaching on humans right (the contact mine maker, people, who weaponeer dictatorial regime, the torturals maker). All the fair is then an open militarism promoting.

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We try to act out a discussion about these problems, we support institution of public inspection of armament exports and reach prohibition of exportation weapons to regions, where they could be use to encroaching on human rights. We warn, that spending for armament exhausts financial and human resources that could be used for solving social problems. In this campaign we help socially deprived fellow citizens and through this help we draw attention to connection between social and ecological phenomenon of poverty - we endorse philosophy whole world movement Food Not Bombs. We also monitor armament exports, run web sites, hold special seminars, publish press materials, inform medias, collect signatures for petitions, organize public discussions and lectures, projections of film documents, demonstrations, happenings, concerts, photograph exhibition, organize regular cooking and culturally-educational activities for socially deprived.

### **We need your help especially for:**

- providing food for cooking for socially deprived
- cooking and donation of food
- making-up informative materials and propagation;
- translation and interpretation
- monitoring press and archiving cuttings

- monitoring sources (web, foreign publications, associated organizations);
- propagation (design advertising materials);
- arranging public actions;
- medial work ( writing articles, press reports).

In terms of this campaign is possible to communicate in French and Russian.

Web sites this campaign: [http://zbrane.ecn.cz\(česká, německá a anglická verze\)](http://zbrane.ecn.cz(česká, německá a anglická verze)) a [http://jmz.ecn.cz\(only in Czech\)](http://jmz.ecn.cz(only in Czech)).

### 3. WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS



This campaign is concerned on co-creating of place, in which there would change attitudes towards questions connected with stereotyped ideas about women's and men's role in society and solve problems that are results of it (violence against women, inequality in job market, politics and other spheres). The aim is to transfer information and discussions from expert and academic levels to everyday life. Among our activities belong **educational actions** (a cycle of educational seminars, series of lessons and workshops not only for schools); **publication and distribution informative materials; public actions** (thematic projection and discussion, infostands, thematic happenings etc.); **travelling photo-informative exhibition**. Among others we run informative centre for equal opportunities for women and men and we also lead a campaign intended on support a topic called Active Fatherhood - major participation men in taking care about children.

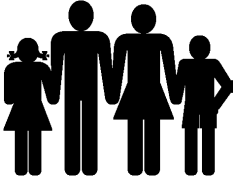
#### We need your help for:

- organization seminars and lessons;
- ensuring of operation and developing informative centre (propagation, spreading of special section of library);
- collection of information, working with texts;
- working with publications and leaflets (graphic);
- arranging public actions, infostands, video projections, chats and happenings;
- distributions informative materials;
- propagation of actions (invitations, posters); etc.

Web sites of this campaign : [http://zenskaprava.ecn.cz\(only in Czech\)](http://zenskaprava.ecn.cz(only in Czech)).

In terms of this campaign is possible to communicate in English and German.

#### 4. SAFETY FOR REFUGEES



The aim of this campaign is to improve the refugees' situation in the Czech republic, namely in light of their stay in refugee accommodation centres, as well as their image for Czech community. The campaign also responds to restrictive approach of Czech offices to asylum-seekers. We organize leisure activities (trips, games and competitions, sport afternoons and so on) for refugees and their children from accommodation centres around Brno. We arrange meetings and workshops about the refugee theme. We publish thematic quarterly PŘES (in English "OVER" borders, prejudices, indifference) and inform about the situation in countries, where the refugees came from. Moreover we draw attention to individual cases of human rights braking on refugees and we suggest our own proposals for humanization of asylum politics.

#### We need your help for:

- leisure time activities for refugees
- seeking relevant information about refugee in your language;
- writing articles into a magazine PŘES about refugee.

In terms of this campaign is possible to communicate in English and French.

Web sites of this campaign : <http://uprchlik.ecn.cz> (only in Czech).

#### 5. ECO-COUNSELLING OFFICE



The office works through a telephone (543 214 144), an e-mail ([ekoporadna@nesehnuti.cz](mailto:ekoporadna@nesehnuti.cz)), web interface ([ekoporadna.nesehnuti.cz](http://ekoporadna.nesehnuti.cz)) or by personal consultations in our office (on Wednesday 10-12 AM and 4-6 PM or another time after previous telephonic deal). We advise, refer to, find information and analyze a situation. We are specialized in promotion attendance of public and citizen's rights and landscape planning, but it's possible to turn upon us with any other eco-request.

We systematically cooperate with our clients if it's necessary. We deal with the environment protection, landscape planning and territorial development (informative activities, participation in decision-making processes etc.). In the concrete we give suggestions to a process of creating new Landscape planning of Brno. We run internet pages to support

integration of public in cases dealing with an environment -  
<http://ekobrana.cz>.

Web pages for support of inclusion of the public into cases related to the environment - <http://ekobrana.cz>

**We need your help with:**

- searching for NGOs in the world with similar profile and collection of their materials and possible solutions;
- distribution of the campaign leaflets and posters;
- web pages administration.

We can communicate in English as part of the campaign.

Web pages: <http://ekobrana.cz> (Czech only)

## 6. CAMPAIGN FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS



This campaign aims to raise awareness of violations of animal rights in various areas (e.g. animal testing, fur industry, mass animal production etc.). We offer various positive alternatives and example of good practice, e.g. from abroad. This campaign is also aimed at propagating of vegetarianism and vegan life style, e.g. by means of an info stall during the international animal rights days and vegetarianism days.

**We need your help with:**

- search for texts about animal rights issues and about vegetarianism and vegan lifestyle;
- organization of events on occasion of various international days related to animal rights;
- programming and organization of lectures and discussions on the topic of animal rights and vegetarianism;
- supplying texts and enriching web pages of the campaign;
- ideas for campaign (e.g. inspiration, experience from abroad).

We communicate in English, German and Italian as part of the campaign.

Web pages of the campaign: [www.nesehnuti.cz/pravazvirat](http://www.nesehnuti.cz/pravazvirat) (Czech only)

## 7. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Apart from the long-term campaigns NESEHNUTI also works on a range of other issues related to human rights and the environment:

- we have installed and maintain an education trail around the Brno dam, which informs about the interesting points of the local flora and fauna and warns against the proposed building of the R43 road across this area

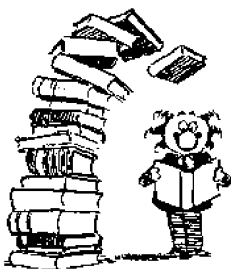
- we co-organize educational ecological events for the public (Earth Day, Trees Day...)
- every year on occasion of the International Day of Human Rights (10th December) we organize a festival of multicultural events, exhibitions, documentary films screening and discussions called Days of Human Rights
- regularly once a month we organize at the NESEHNUTI office public thematic screenings of interesting films and film documents with following commentaries and discussions

#### **We need your help with:**

- planning and organization of events;
- personal staffing of events;
- production of banners and other material for happenings;
- finding interesting texts from abroad related to the topics we are interested in;
- distribution of information leaflets.

Web pages of NESEHNUTI: <http://www.nesehnuti.cz> (English version of the annual report included)

### **8. NESEHNUTI LIBRARY**



Spreading of information and deepening of knowledge of environmental and human rights protection issues are key to our mission. That is why we run a library which offers a maximum of publications from the areas NESEHNUTI is interested in. There are these following thematic sections in the library at the moment: feminism and gender studies, ecology and environmental protection, protection of and animal rights, human rights and society, social work and law. All together we offer more than 2 000 books and some 600 magazines.

The complete list of titles is available of our website or you can request it via email. The NESEHNUTI library is open every Monday and Wednesday 10:00-12:00 and 16:00-18:00 in our office)

#### **We need your help with:**

- writing annotations and key words for books in English into our database.

Web pages of the library: <http://www.knihovna.nesehnuti.cz> (Czech, search and borrowing books in the system in English).

### **9. ALARM NEWSLETTER**

We publish the newsletter Alarm about human rights and the environment which informs about activities of NESEHNUTI and related campaigns of other organizations. It gives space to readers to express their views,

it reflects issues of human rights, animal rights and ecological issues.

**We need your help with:**

- searching for interesting articles from abroad from the human rights and ecology areas
- graphics and typesetting

We communicate in English, German and Russian as part of the campaign.

Apart from the above activities we would also welcome help with:

- banner production;
  - monitoring foreign press about the individual issues;
  - graphic design and other PC work;
  - folding new leaflets;
  - distribution of information materials;
  - photography;
  - occasional loan of: a car, dataprojector etc.;
- we will thankfully welcome help of specialists (law, economics, etc.) and manually dexterous individuals and others.

**If the information in this leaflet interests you and would like to actively help in protection of human rights and the environment, contact us, please!**

**Support us!**

Without our fans our activities would not be possible. If you would like to support our activities, we will be grateful for any financial donation! We will welcome your donation on the Transparent account of NESEHNUTÍ Brno at eBanka, account number: 1190794001/2400. Thank you!

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**Contact e-mail for people interested in volunteering and for the NESEHNUTÍ volunteers: [info@nesehnuti.cz](mailto:info@nesehnuti.cz).**

**We can communicate in Czech, German and English. But you can find Russian speaking people in NESEHNUTÍ too.**

**NESEHNUTÍ Library**

**Opening hours: Mon and Wed 10-12 and 16-18**

**Information Centre for Equal Opportunities of Men and Women at Work**

**Opening hours: Mon 10-12 and 16-18**