



Coexister

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WHY JOIN COEXISTER?

You want to act for a more inclusive society?
You want a positive experience of diversity?
You want to meet youngsters who don't share the same beliefs or faith than you? You want to share your vision of the world? Stop hesitating: join us on www.adhesion.coexister.fr and find the closest Coexister chapter to your home!

A YOUTH MOVEMENT

Coexister is an independent youth movement, initiated by young people and for young people from 15 to 35 years-old. Youth is both the fuel and the drive of our movement, a chance for those who want to act without waiting to grow old. It is more than ever necessary to offer a space where they can express themselves fully and freely.

OUR MEANS OF ACTION

Recognized of public interest, Coexister now gathers more than 2,500 members, including 350 volunteers holding responsibilities in about 50 local chapters in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

Our workshops in schools and universities have allowed us to meet 120,000 youngsters, and sensitize them to secularism, freedom of thought and freedom of expression.

ACTIVE COEXISTENCE AND SOCIAL COHESION

Active Coexistence is an interactive method that teaches us how to better live together building on our differences. By considering diversity as a strength and by inviting people to get to know others, Coexister offers a society model whereby social cohesion is created not "in spite of" but "thanks to" differences.

SECULARISM

Secularism rests on 3 pillars: the fundamental freedom to believe or not believe, the neutrality of the State, and the separation of the State and the cults. We intend to defend those three pillars, no more, no less. State neutrality does not entail the neutrality of individuals in public spaces.

THE 3 STEPS OF THE COEXISTER PATHWAY

1. MEETING EACH OTHER

In an **open and friendly atmosphere**, each Coexister local chapter organises visits of places of worship, debates, conferences, shared meals, exhibitions or even movie nights. These dialogue events are the opportunity for all **to discover one another, discuss and develop a deeper knowledge of one's self and of others.**



2. ACTING TOGETHER

Coexister regularly collaborates with other organisations during solidary operations in order to **go beyond mere dialoguing and act together to serve the society.** Around the motto: **"different faiths, common action"**, we cooperate on clothing and toy collections, blood drives, mobilisations in favor of the environment, actions for the homeless and many other activities.



3. RAISING AWARENESS

Awareness-building workshops drive our members **to testify together of their experiences of commitment and friendship at Coexister.** We present to middle schools and high schools workshops that create a neutral and safe space for exchanges around **prejudices, secularism, diversity and youth involvement.**



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FOR A BETTER LIVING TOGETHER**

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