



THE ONLINE HATE PREVENTION INSTITUTE
Empowering communities, organisations and agencies in the fight against hate.

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Introduction

About the Online Hate Prevention Institute

The Online Hate Prevention Institute is Australia's only Harm Prevention Charity dedicated to tackling hate and extremism in the online environment. We have been working in this space since our establishment in 2012, building on previous work dating back to 2009 that focuses on online antisemitism. The creation of the Online Hate Prevention Institute, an independent charity, expanded this work to cover all forms of online hate and extremism.

OHPI was initially funded through seed funding from a very small number of private donors. While the work was recognised as world class, both in Australia and internationally, there was little appetite from other donors or governments to fund work related to online hate. When seed funding ran out, the organisation shifted from having five professional staff with dedicated areas of expertise, working from an office in Melbourne, to being reliant on voluntary effort and without a physical office. The significant reduced costs of running the organisation were met from donations. The continued production of high-quality work was a result of a very high level of voluntary effort, particularly from the CEO / Managing Director.

Our work in Australia has included reports, briefings, submissions to government / parliamentary inquiries, the operation and continual development of our reporting software Fight Against Hate and our analysis platform CSI-CHAT, training in online hate, internships for university students, talks to the public and specific communities, as well as engagement with technology platforms, civil society groups, and government.

Our work internationally has included representing global civil society at the United Nations Forum on Minority Issues, serving as a member of the Australian Government's delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (appointed by DFAT), serving as a member of the expert group for the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism (appointed by the Government of Sweden), co-chairing the IEEE Computer Society's Tech Forum on Social Media and Societal Harm, and presenting at meetings and conferences around the world. We have also provided training for student groups, academics, and government agencies around the world.

In 2021-2022 we celebrated our 10th year and focused on strategic planning and a review of the organisation's continued need and viability. We found the need for our work and expertise was continuing to grow, and our reputation among experts, both domestically and internationally, as a global leader in the field remained strong. Despite this, funding remained difficult. The communities who were victims of hate often lack the resources to financially support the work we do to address this hate. Governments and foundations often have budget limitations or funding criteria limitations that prevent allocation to this area. This has been a long-term problem and the best solution is a partnership with the federal government to support this vital work. The board also decided to scale back work not tied to funding, and to invest more focus into business development to secure further funded work to ensure the organisation's viability. This has remained our strategy for the past year.

Short term and long term objectives and strategies

The Online Hate prevention Institute's short term objectives are to:

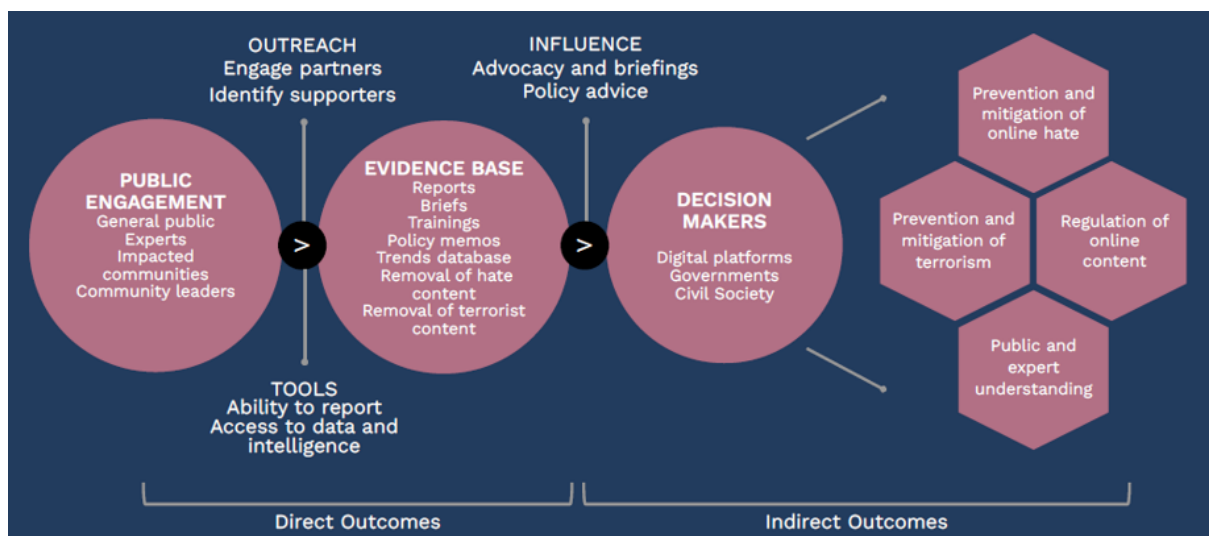
- Promote the prevention of abuse by running campaigns against the propagation of online hate that can result in emotional abuse and physical abuse.
- Promote the prevention of abuse and better control of abusive behaviour through education, research, and by stimulating debate on online hate, the prevention of online hate, and on the link between online hate and emotional and physical abuse.
- Promote the prevention of abuse and better control of abusive behaviour by equipping young people with relevant skills through youth leadership programs focused on the promotion of multiculturalism and equal opportunity, and other approaches to combat the spread of online hate.
- Promote the prevention of abuse and better control of abusive behaviour by creating an online community, open to the public, that is active in controlling abusive behaviour, namely the spreading of online hate, through monitoring, reporting and engagement with service providers.
- Other activities that promote the prevention or control of online hate that causes emotional abuse, physical abuse, self harm and suicide.

Our long term objectives are:

- To be a world leader in combating online hate and a critical partner who works with key stakeholders to improve the prevention, mitigation and responses to online hate.
- To change online culture so hate in all its forms becomes as socially unacceptable online as it is in "real life".

Our Theory of Change

If we provide a live evidence base on manifestations of online hate and extremism, as seen by experts, members of impacted communities, and the public at large, we can influence digital platforms, governments and civil society to improve the prevention, mitigation and responses to online hate, support public and expert understanding and influence the effective regulation of online content.



Key Activities (1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023)

Research and publications

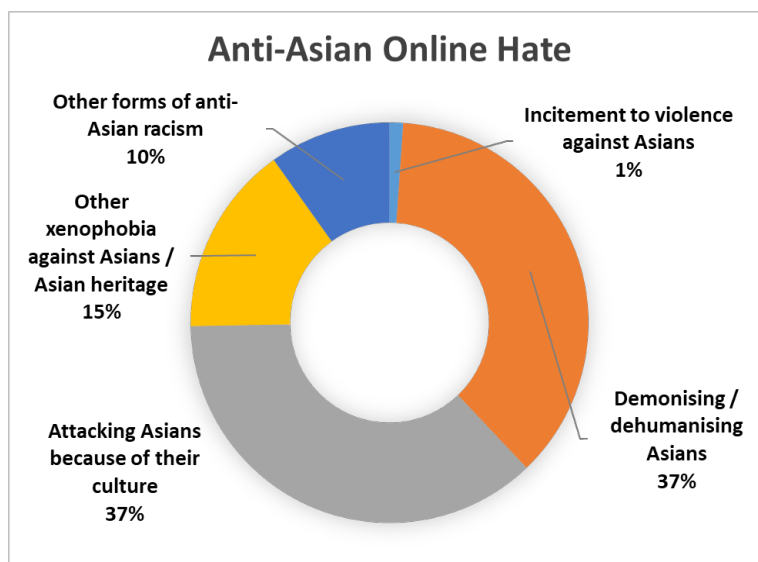
Report: Anti-Asian Racism in Australian Social Media

[This report](#) builds on past work on anti-Asian racism in Australia and adds a particular focus on racism in social media. The new in-depth research was led by the Online Hate Prevention Institute in partnership with the Australian Human Rights Commission and Meta.

The research used a mixed methods approach involving online data collection from Facebook and Instagram, a survey, and a consultation with leaders from Asian Australian communities around Australia. The report makes 45 recommendations to tackle the problem of online anti-Asian racism. Some recommendations are general to the problem of online hate, others are more specific and aim to help correctly identify anti-Asian racism.



The report highlights how the mainstream media and social media played a significant role in people's experiences of anti-Asian racism during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Internet allowed racism to spread further, faster, and to be facilitated by anonymity.



Asian Australian community leaders expressed concern that inhibitions against racism in the online world were lower than offline. They also expressed concerns over a lack of transparency in online moderation.

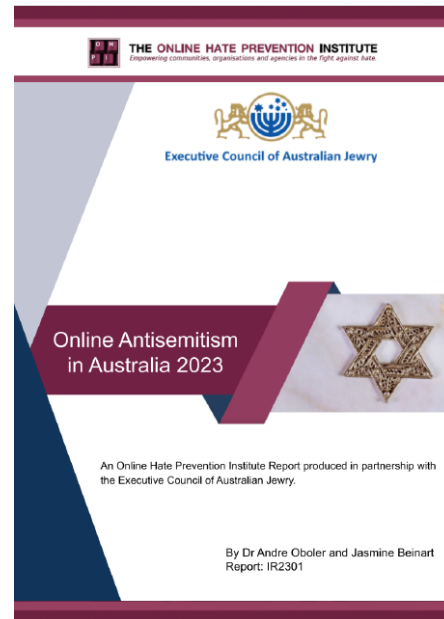
The report was launched as part of an IEEE Computer Society event on Digital Platforms and Societal Harms. It was launched by Race Discrimination Commissioner Chin Tan.

Report: Online Antisemitism in Australia 2023

This was the first year of a multi-year partnership between the Online Hate Prevention Institute and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry focused on enhancing research into online antisemitism.

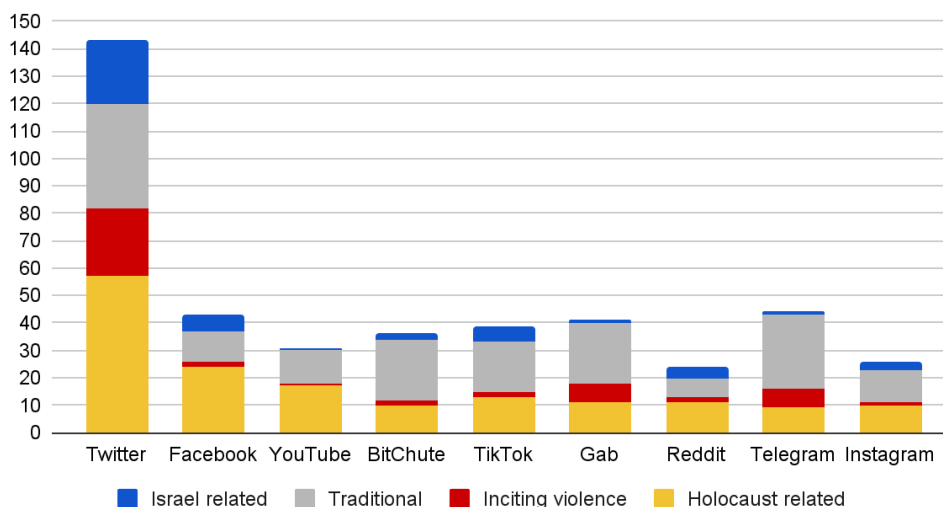
Under the partnership, OHPI is monitoring online antisemitism on Twitter, Facebook, Telegram, TikTok, Gab, YouTube, Bitchute, Instagram, and Reddit. The monitoring is undertaken by expert staff and on an on-going basis.

A [report](#) on the collected data from November 3, 2022 to June 2, 2023 was published on 14 August 2023. It featured on TV on ABC 7.30 on the day of its release. The report provides both quantitative and qualitative analysis of this data including an examination of takedown rates by the platforms after content was reported to them. It also includes a sample of the items collected and deconstruction of these example to explain their antisemitic nature.



The report categorises content using a taxonomy based on the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism and IHRA's Working Definition of Holocaust Denial and Distortion. The taxonomy includes four major categories of antisemitism and twenty-six subcategories. A second edition of the report, covering data from November 3, 2022 to September 30, 2023, is currently being prepared. We expect to present the report at a meeting of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance later this year.

Classification by Platform



Public Briefings

In addition to our major reports we produced a number of articles (briefings) that highlighted specific instances of online hate or extremism, engaged in public education, participated in public debate, or shared action we took to reduce online hate. The number of briefings this year was significantly down compared to past years as more of our work focused on reports and funded projects.

The briefings in the past year were:

- Antisemitism at Adelaide University, 2 September 2022.
- Summit on Online Antisemitism in Washington DC, 22 September 2022.
- OHPI Presenting at Greek Government Conference, 6 October 2022.
- Twitter urged to adopt IHRA definition of antisemitism, 18 November 2022.
- Grieving mother subjected to violent threats from trolls, 25 November 2022.
- Twitter is a puppet, 1 December 2022.
- Discourse about The Kashmir Files results in Holocaust denial, 12 December 2022.
- Celebrating 11 years improving online safety, 23 January 2023.
- Daily Stormer not welcome in India, 24 January 2023.
- Holocaust Memorial Day 2023, 27 January 2023.
- IHRA definition and Nazi analogies, 25 February 2023.
- Melbourne's Nazis highlight a bigger problem, 19 March 2023.
- Russian incitement to genocide, 16 April 2023.
- Banning Nazi Symbols in Australia, 1 May 2023.

Three briefings were of particular significance:

The briefing on [Antisemitism at Adelaide University](#) which saw OHPI act to secure removal of multiple copies of an article from *On Dit* the university's student magazine. The article, and related social media posts, incited terrorism and antisemitism. The article ended "The solution to achieving peace and bringing forth justice for Palestine is to demand the abolition of Israel. Free Palestine and Death to Israel." It was accompanied by social media posts, made by the magazine's Facebook page, which declared "Glory to the Intifada" and "Glory to the Resistance". This content is particularly chilling in light of the Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel in October 2023.

The briefing [Daily Stormer not welcome in India](#) saw OHPI secure the rapid removal of the Daily Stormer website when it shifted to an Indian based domain. The Daily Stormer is a dedicated hate site banned repeatedly all over the world. Its content directly leads to terrorism, particularly its promotion of the "great replacement" conspiracy theory that has led to multiple terrorist attacks including in Christchurch.

The briefing [Melbourne's Nazis highlight a bigger problem](#) examined a very public neo-Nazi stunt outside the Victorian Parliament in March 2023. The incident occurred during an anti-transgender rally and saw black clad neo-Nazis marching back and forth in front of parliament as police looked on. In the article we reiterated our call for laws that prevent glorification or promotion of Nazism and neo-Nazism, rather than playing wack-a-mole banning the symbols and actions that have already been used. Our public briefing was

supported by an extensive confidential report looking at the neo-Nazis, the rally organiser, and links with far-right extremism around the world. The briefing was shared with political leaders, government agencies, and as background for journalists. We chose not to make the content public to avoid any benefit to the neo-Nazis.



More recent neo-Nazi activity, but the same group, include an incident at [Flinders Street Station](#) and on Melbourne's trains on October 14th 2023 where around 25 black clad neo-Nazis held up a sign saying "Expose Jewish Power" and made Nazi salutes at the station, then harassed passengers on a train asking people if they were Jewish. Only by banning the glorification of neo-Nazi ideology, as we argued in our public briefing, can we put a stop to this extremist activity.

Confidential Reports

In addition to the work we published, we completed a number of confidential reports.

- Some confidential reports relate to Australia and are part of our charitable work. These reports were shared with select stakeholders including online platforms, various parts of government, civil society, and the media. They helped online platforms understand incidents and take action, informed stakeholders responses to incidents, and facilitated responsible and accurate coverage by the media.
- Other confidential reports were commissioned by parties outside Australia, and addressed online hate and extremism overseas, particularly in the United States. These reports were undertaken on a commercial basis, covering their costs, overheads, and generating activities income. At the same time, they have expanded our monitoring and awareness of global groups, methodologies, and trends that also at times impact Australia.

Preventing Violent Extremism: Exit Australia and New Zealand

In January 2023 the Online Hate Prevention Institute absorbed Exit Australia and New Zealand, which is now a project of the Online Hate Prevention Institute. Its founder, Matthew Quinn, has become our new Director of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.

Exit has been running since 2015 and has helped redirect over 200 people away from extremism, and assisted 124 people leaving extremism behind. Exit's work has helped save over 1,500 lives.

We're pleased to help Exit continue their important work. Exit's research and training has been absorbed into OHPI's research and training, further enhancing our capacities in these areas. Exit's core work of supporting clients leave extremism behind continues within the Exit project, now under OHPI's governance.

Government engagement in Australia

Banning Nazi symbols

In April 2023, the Online Hate Prevention Institute was invited by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee of the Senate to make a submission on the Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2023 (Cth). Our submission, No 22, is available from the parliament. In May 2023, the Online Hate Prevention Institute appeared at a committee hearing regarding the Nazi symbol ban.

In June 2023, the Online Hate Prevention Institute made a submission to the confidential inquiry into banning Nazi salutes in Victoria in June 2023. The ban, which took into account OHPI's recommendations and also covers the use of Nazi symbols beyond the Nazi Swastika, [became law](#) on Saturday 21 October 2023.

Australian Human Rights Commission advisory working group to help implement projects under a National Anti-Racism Framework

The Online Hate Prevention Institute has been appointed to an Australian Human Rights Commission advisory working group which helps implement projects under a National Anti-Racism Framework. In the 2021-2022 reporting year, the Online Hate Prevention Institute made a submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission on a National Anti-Racism Framework.

Parliamentary Friends of IHRA, 27 October 2022

Dr Andre Oboler attended the launch of the Parliamentary Friends of IHRA launch at Parliament House. Josh Burns, Julian Leeser and Allegra Spender, who are co-chairs, launched the group with the agenda to promote Holocaust education, tackle antisemitism, and support the work of IHRA and its implementation in Australia. Particularly welcome from the perspective of the Online Hate Prevention Institute was the acknowledgement at the launch of the growth in antisemitism and the particular problem of online antisemitism.



International engagement

Summit on Online Antisemitism in Washington DC, September 2022



In September 2022 Andre attended a Summit in Washington DC organised by the Interparliamentary Taskforce on Online Antisemitism. The meetings took place at the US Capitol and involved a working lunch, reception, and hearings in which members of parliaments from various countries heard testimony and asked questions to Special Envoys for Antisemitism from a range of countries, as well as from Meta, Google, Twitter, and TikTok.

OHPI Presented at Greek Government Conference, October 2022



In October 2022 Andre presented at a hybrid conference run by the Greek Government on the topic "Fighting Antisemitism and Holocaust Distortion and Denial on the Digital Battlefield". Dr Oboler provided the first keynote presentation in a session on "problem identification and solutions so far", as well as presenting as part of a panel on "Best Practices".

IHRA Plenary in Gothenburg, Sweden, 27 November - 1 December 2022

Dr Andre Oboler attended the Plenary in Gothenburg, Sweden as an Australian Government delegate to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. The meetings at this Plenary were attended by experts, political representatives, and representatives of international organisations and civil society. It inspired exchanges and developments in the field of Holocaust remembrance, education, and research under the Swedish Presidency's motto, "Together for Impact."



Civil Society Forum on Combating Antisemitism & Fostering Jewish Life



At the invitation of the European Commission we participated in this event in Brussels, Belgium, in November 2022. The event brought together experts from civil society, academia, and government largely from across Europe and the UK, with a few international experts like ourselves.

The event included a stream focus on online antisemitism and discussions on the uses and limitations of AI in addressing the problem. We thank the European Commission for covering our travel and accommodation costs to facilitate attending this meeting.

S.E. Asia Workshop: Countering Terrorism & Violent Extremism Online

Dr Andre Oboler attended the workshop in Singapore on 17-18 May 2023 which was run by the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT), Meta and Tech Against Terrorism. The workshop highlighted that:

- There is a need for greater collaboration between stakeholders from different sectors.
- Budgets for countering terrorism have been reduced (government and platforms).
- New tools for detecting terrorism are being built.
- More smaller companies are engaging in counter terrorism work.
- All sorts of platforms are used for extremism, many of them everyday online service platforms (not just social media platforms).
- Extremist live stream videos of attacks inspire further attacks, so preventing their spread and the spread of manifestos, is a form of terrorism prevention.
- Social media has been a key driver of decentralisation of extremism, leading to self radicalisation / lone wolf attacks.
- Disinformation is increasingly something we need to address within the scope of countering extremism.
- Mainstream media and political communications (by politicians) are key drivers of hate speech and incitement to extremism.
- In Malaysia the courts have found mainstream media are responsible for failures to moderate hate speech in the comments on their posts.
- Far right extremism is not just white supremacy, but can include Buddhist and Hindu far right extremism.

At the workshop there was a high level of recognition of the Online Hate Prevention Institute and knowledge of our work by the many experts, tech company representatives, and government officials.



IHRA Plenary in Dubrovnik, Croatia, 12-15 June 2023

As part of the Australian Government's delegation, Dr Andre Oboler attended the IHRA Plenary in Croatia. Andre attended with fellow Australian experts Sue Hampel, Steve Cooke and Suzanne Rutland as well as Australian diplomats Ambassador Richard Rodgers and Amanda Annamalay. At the Plenary delegates:

- Shared the latest research, discussed practical information, new initiatives, and local and global challenges in protecting the memory of the Holocaust and historic sites related to the Holocaust.
- Worked to protect facts and preserve the historical record to counter Holocaust denial and distortion, combat antisemitism and combat anti-Roma / anti-Gypsyism.
- Supported governments in their diplomatic engagements on these topics.



Interparliamentary Task Force on Online Antisemitism in Brussels

Dr Andre Oboler testified at the Inter-Parliamentary Task Force on Online Antisemitism in Brussels on June 23, 2023.

He highlighted that:

- Specialist organisations working on WebInt, analysis, threat tracking, monitoring changes to the nature of online antisemitism, and monitoring changes to platforms and their responsiveness are a key part of tackling online antisemitism. It needs to be ensured there are financial partnerships so that providing this capacity is sustainable.
- There needs to be better transparency statistics from platforms.
- Civil society needs to engage with computing professional bodies as a key stakeholder.



Conferences, meetings and other face-to-face engagement

- Attended the Resilient Democracy Conference in Sydney, August 2022.
- IEEE Computer Society Digital Platforms and Societal Harms, October 2022.

- Met with the American Jewish Committee Trans-Atlantic Institute and discussed the lack of civil society organizations at the DC meeting, February 2023.
- Met with Chief Advisor for the Christchurch Call in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in New Zealand, May 2023.
- Met with the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and New Zealand experts for IHRA, May 2023.
- Presented at the All Things in Moderation conference, 11-12 May 2023.
- Attended the Global internet Forum to Counter Terrorism to discuss better collaboration and had OHPI added to an alerts list for which incidents occur, June 2023.
- Participated in working group meetings for the Australian Human Rights Commission on the National Anti-Racism Framework, June 2023.
- Met with eSafety with Exit, June 2023.

Media engagement and coverage

- Suzanne Rutland and Andre Oboler, "Countering violence, hatred and ignorance", *Australian Jewish News*, 11 July 2022.
- Gareth Narunsky, "Online publisher removes student 'Death to Israel' article", *Australian Jewish News*, 2 September 2022.
- Radio interview: L'Chaim - to life with Maurice Klein, "Dr Andre Oboler - Social media platforms' hate speech prevention policy: see nothing, hear nothing and effectively do nothing", 3ZZZ, 10 November 2022.
- Warren Barnsley, "Queensland mother heartbroken after trolls target son's death in tragic workplace accident", *7 News*, 29 November 2022.
- TV interview: Dr Andre Oboler spoke during segment about rising hate on Twitter, *ABC News 24*, 8 December 2022.
- Andre Oboler, "Melbourne University has adopted IHRA antisemitism definition: This is why it's the right decision", *Plus61J Media*, 24 January 2023.
- Adeshola Ore, "Victoria to ban Nazi salute after 'disgusting' scenes at anti-trans protest", *The Guardian*, 19 March 2023.
- George Hyde, "Why are neo-Nazis infiltrating public rallies in Australia?", *The New Daily*, 20 March 2023.
- Andre Oboler, "Tackling our extremism problem", *J-Wire*, 21 March 2023.
- Andre Oboler, "Swastika ban is not enough: anything that glorifies Nazism must be outlawed", *Plus61J Media*, 24 March 2023.
- Mike Seacombe, "Social media versus the Voice", 3 June 2023.
- Ben Schneiders and Simone Fox Koob, "'Symbols of hate': The lingering afterlife of Croatian fascism in Australia", *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 11 June 2023.
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- Tahney Fosdike, "Australia moves toward banning Nazi symbols in wake of neo-Nazi incidents", *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, 14 June 2023.
- J-Wire Newsdesk, "Neo-Nazi marches discussed at IHRA meeting", *J-Wire*, 16 June 2023.

Current and planned work (since July 1 2023)

Fundraising and grants

Without an increase in fundraising, the rest of our work will not remain viable. There is already an extreme disconnect between the level of work we have been delivering (see the previous pages) and the funding we have to do this work (see next pages with the financial report). We are very efficient and low cost, but the pressure we are under is unsustainable. A priority is ensuring the organisation can continue to operate in a reliable manner.

Online Racism and the Voice to Parliament Referendum

In partnership with the Australian Human Rights Commission and Meta we are in the process of examining online racism during the campaign period of the 2023 referendum.

Using a best practice approach based on work in Europe by the Decoding Antisemitism project, this project focuses on comments in social media made in response to news articles from the mainstream media.

At present we have identified 212 articles, 3383 social media threads related to them, and 18473 comments in those threads. In the next phase we will examine how many of the comments that we captured are racist, and reflect on how many comments appear to have been removed either by platforms or by moderators of the pages they were posted on.

We thank Meta for their support in funding this project.

Monitoring Online Antisemitism in Australia

Our partnership with ECAJ has been extended for a second year and will see further ongoing data collection across Twitter, Facebook, Telegram, TikTok, Gab, YouTube, Bitchute, Instagram, and Reddit.

As we continue to gather new data, we are also preparing an update to our report to provide data on the period through to September 30th. A presentation on this data will be provided to the next meeting of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

In light of the current Hamas-Israel war and the sharp rise in antisemitism, particularly online, we have created a small project to intensify our data collection over a two week period across all platforms to capture a better sample of what is occurring.

We thank the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and Education Heritage Foundation for their support in funding this project.

New Zealand Training

In December we will be visiting New Zealand to provide a series of training events for the Jewish community and for government officials. These events will focus on antisemitism, online hate more broadly, and counter terrorism.

We thank the Astor Foundation in New Zealand for funding this work.

Canadian training and public lecturers

We are currently planning activities in Canada for April 2024. This will include a public lecture and additional training and talks for a range of stakeholders and experts. This series of events is being supported by the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada.

United States training and lectures

Earlier this month, October 2023, we provided two training sessions in recognising online hate as part of the IEEE Computer Society's Digital Platforms and Societal Harms event in Washington DC. The in-person sessions presented our work, then examined examples of a variety of different types of hate and discussed the differences between content that could be easily picked up by artificial intelligence, and the nature of examples that would be far more difficult to detected other than by manual means.

A talk was also delivered while in DC for the Computer Science department at American University looking at the work we do and how it related to computer science. It examined the ethical responsibilities of software engineers and others working on digital platforms, as well as the opportunities to use technical skills to help address the problem of online hate.

A second talk took place (remotely) on October 13th, 2023, for a conference on disinformation at the University of Texas at Arlington. The OHPI talk for this conference focused on hate speech and disinformation in the Hamas-Israel war.

We are currently supporting planning for the IEEE Computer Society's next Digital Platforms and Societal Harms conference to take place in Washington DC in October 2024.

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

We continue our engagement as part of the Australian delegation to IHRA, however, with a reduction in government funding we may need to miss some meetings going forward. We have always needed to partially subsidise participation in this official government business, but a reduction in the government grant to support this work means the gap will be too large to participate in two meetings a year unless a donor steps forward to assist us in covering these costs.

Exit Project

We are working to improve the support for Exit's work in deradicalisation. At this time our focus is on adding capacity to the system and securing financial support to keep the project viable. We will continue our discussions with the Department of Home Affairs on support for this vital project.

Regional Expertise in Monitoring of Online Hate

A proposal to introduce new staff, young people based in regional areas, to assist with our monitoring of online hate is currently under review by the Department of Home Affairs. IF this project goes ahead, it will see OHPI increase its staffing for monitoring all forms of online hate, as well as adding further capacity to support our incident response for counter terrorism.

Interparliamentary Task Force on Online Antisemitism

We understand further meetings of the Interparliamentary Task Force on Online Antisemitism are planned and we intend participating, subject to budget constraints.

Our People

Our Board of Directors

Martin Splitter is Chair of OHPI. He is the principal at the design agency ImageWorks. He has a lifetime of leadership experience in community and not-for-profit organisations. His previous roles include Managing Director of Signarama (St Kilda); CEO of Hadassah Australia; executive member and Education Committee Chair, The King David School Council; board member, Victorian Union for Progressive Judaism; President, Photo Marketing Association Australia and Vice President, Photo Marketing Association International; youth leader, scout leader and Queens Scout. He is also a musician, composer, performer, director, and producer. Martin has experience across sales, marketing, financial management, HR and training, IT and project management. He studied Electrical Engineering at Monash University and holds a Cert IV in Training and as well as various industry qualifications.

Craig Rowley is Treasurer of OHPI. He is a social procurement facilitator in the Victorian Government. He has held leadership and management roles in both the public and private sectors and a diversity of industries, including engineering and construction; defence; financial services; government; management consulting; media; regional advocacy; tertiary education; urban greening; and youth services. Craig is the founder and managing director of three companies: Campaignr, Connectr, and Rollout Brewing Co. He has also been a sessional academic and the secretary of a perpetual philanthropic fund. An alumnus of Leadership Victoria's Williamson Community Leadership Program, Craig holds a B.A. in Psychology (Macquarie University), a Diploma of Management (Victoria University), and a Graduate Certificate of Politics and Policy (Deakin University).

Dr Andre Oboler is Managing Director and Secretary of OHPI. He is an international expert in online hate, extremism, and digital diplomacy. Dr Oboler has been working on online antisemitism for the past 20 years. In 2008 he was the first to address “antisemitism 2.0”, a term he coined to explain the normalisation of antisemitism through social media. His work expanded to other forms of hate over a decade ago when he led the creation of OHPI. He is a former Vice President of the IEEE Computer Society, a member of IEEE’s Global Public Policy Committee, and a member of the Australian Government’s delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. He holds a PhD in Computer Science as a degree in law, an LLM(Juris Doctor).

Robyn McNamara is Director and CTO of OHPI. She is a business analyst at the Australian Tax Office (ATO). Robyn McNamara taught computer science and software engineering at Monash University for more than 20 years before moving to the Smarter Data Program in the ATO where she is part of an exciting digital transformation. Her lecturing experience includes software engineering topics such as software design, project management, technical documentation, system programming, advanced Java programming, and full-year capstone project units involving both internal and external clients. As well as her technical skills, she has extensive experience as a communicator and mentor in the IT space. She holds an Honours degree in Computer Science from Monash University, and joins the board after previous employment as OHPI’s Senior Software Engineer.

Dr Nasya Bahfen is a Director of OHPI. She is a Senior Lecturer at La Trobe University and course director of La Trobe’s Masters in Journalism. She was born in Jakarta and grew up in Melbourne. She has worked as a journalist and academic in Melbourne, Sydney, Singapore and New York city. She was previously a reporter and producer with the ABC and SBS. Nasya’s former students number in the hundreds and work in newsrooms and media roles across Australia and the world. She is regularly interviewed by Australian and international broadcasters on issues of diversity in the media, and diversity in sport. When she isn’t working on a book on sport and social inclusion, or acting as an AFL multicultural ambassador, Nasya plays indoor soccer and learns KPop dance routines. Nasya holds a Bachelor of Journalism from RMIT, Honours in Media from La Trobe University, and a PhD in Communication from the University of Technology Sydney.

Anton Grodeck is a Director of OHPI. He is a Program Manager at Injurnet Australia Pty Ltd. He has held management roles in a range of private sector industries, with a background in Occupational Health and Safety, Human Resources and Fundraising. He previously served as Executive Director of JNF Australia, following over 17 years at Australia Post in roles that included Manager Business Change in Enterprise Safety, General Manager HR in Finance and Business Services, HR Manager in Corporate Infrastructure Services Division, and a range of other roles. He has served as a Director of two other charities. He holds a Bachelors of Applied Science (Physio.) and a Graduate Diploma of Ergonomics.

Our Staff

Dr Andre Oboler is CEO of OHPI. He is an international expert in online hate, extremism, and digital diplomacy. Dr Oboler has been working on online antisemitism for the past 20 years. In 2008 he was the first to address “antisemitism 2.0”, a term he coined to explain the normalisation of antisemitism through social media. His work expanded to other forms of hate over a decade ago when he led the creation of OHPI. He is a former Vice President of the IEEE Computer Society, a member of IEEE’s Global Public Policy Committee, and a member of the Australian Government’s delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. He holds a PhD in Computer Science as a degree in law, an LLM(Juris Doctor).

Matt Quinn is Director of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism at OHPI which he does as a volunteer. He runs OHPI’s Exit Project which provides deradicalisation support in Australia to those seeking to leave extremism. Matthew is a former infantry soldier in the Australian Army, a member of red team for mission plannings against terrorism. In his youth he led a gang of extremists before finding his way out over 20 years ago.

We have 5 other staff who assist with our monitoring, analysis, and software engineering.

Contact Details and Donations

You can learn more about us in our [pitch deck](#).

Engaging with us online

The Online Hate Prevention Institute can be contacted via email at:

ohpi@ohpi.org.au

Website and Social Media

Website: <https://ohpi.org.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/onlinehate>

X / Twitter: <https://twitter.com/OnlineHate>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/onlinehate/>

Regulators

Our page at the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC):

<https://www.acnc.gov.au/charity/charities/b2588a6a-38af-e811-a960-000d3ad24282/profile>

Donations to support our work

We accept donations from around the world. Donations over \$2 made by Australian tax payers are tax deductible.

Donations can be made through our website at:

<https://ohpi.org.au/donate/>

Alternatively donations can be made via the PayPal Giving Fund, our page is at:

<https://paypal.com/au/fundraiser/charity/3693981>

Donations can also be made by direct deposit to the Online Hate Prevention Fund

BSB: 083-088 Account: 73-337-6910. If you made a donation in this manner please email us as a manual receipt will need to be issued.

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