

The **Mondiali Antirazzisti** is an anti-racist football festival created in the 1997 by Progetto Ultrà, in cooperation with Istoreco. It started from a simple idea which has demonstrated time and again to be very effective - to organise a festival with the direct involvement and the participation of fan groups normally considered opposites - those often labelled as racists , and those of ethnic minority communities.

The Mondiali has evolved considerably from the first edition, born with eight teams and eighty participants. The formula of the Mondiali is a real winner. It links fans from multiple countries and ethnic backgrounds in a festival of non-competitive football and live music. The number of teams and participants at the Mondiali have grown dramatically over the years - with 20 teams and 200 participants in the second year; 36 teams and 400 people in the third; followed by 70 teams and 700 participants in the fourth year. In 2002, the fifth year, 120 teams with more than 3,000 participants attended, and by 2003 this had reached the record of 168 teams and more than 5,000 participants! In **2005**, finally it was impossible to increase the number of teams for space, but the number of people grew to 7,000. Alongside the football tournament, it is organised a basketball tournament, with the participation of 32 teams.

The success of the event has snowballed. People who attend the Mondiali, return the year later bringing more friends who are curious after the enthusiastic stories told by the participants. During the years, the Mondiali has become more and more a real **multicultural festival and concrete experience of uniting together against racism.**

In addition to the football matches there are also important moments for reflection, debates and exhibitions, together with concerts and documentary film broadcasts.

Visit the official website of Mondiali Antirazzisti: [www.mondialiantirazzisti.org](http://www.mondialiantirazzisti.org)