

Former MEP fights for 'bring back our girls' campaign

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Support must be mobilised for the campaign for the safe return of the abducted Nigerian schoolgirls, writes Mariela Baeva.



I am strongly committed to the global education movement. I am writing today to ask you to join the #BringBackOurGirls international campaign in support of the missing girls from Chibok, Nigeria.

One month ago the world was shocked by the abduction of more than 270 schoolgirls in northern Nigeria. This kidnapping is one of an increasing number of violations of the right to education in Nigeria. Violent attacks against students and their families have become more common over recent months and hundreds of children have died or gone missing.

In June this year, thousands of people across the world will mobilise in support of the Nigerian girls of Chibok, for safe schools and the right of every child to go to school.

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northern Nigeria"

Here in the European Union, we have a proud tradition of supporting the basic human rights that are denied across the world. Show your own support by taking action on 16 June in support of global education, the #BringBackOurGirls international campaign, and in honour of the day of the African child.

This day of action will kick off a series of activities leading up to the launch of the 500-day countdown campaign on 19 August - a drive to ensure that by the end of 2015 as many children as possible are in school and learning.

A flagship 'youth takeover' event will be held at the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. A youth assembly will be held with young leaders delivering calls for action to African leaders. A youth run - a community race through the city, will symbolise the fact that we are running out of time to get every child into school and learning.

To be a part of this action, build a team and plan an event to stand in solidarity with the abducted northern Nigerian girls of Chibok and all those around the world who face similar struggles.

Bring education to the top of the agenda for decision-makers in your community.

Join the online conversation. Tweet why education is important to you. Spread the word. I'm counting on you to create an effective global movement.

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