**Report of week 1**

By the Metaxa schools, Halkida Greece

THE CHALLENGE

The Goal we chose to work towards as a school, is REDUCED INEQUALITIES.

THE IDEA

Our aim is to work hard and do what is needed for our town to be friendly and open to people on wheelchairs to circulate, get educated, get proper work and lead a life with dignity, independence and respect.

My school has all facilities for people on wheelchairs and I as a teacher have always tried to rise awareness on the problems and difficulties these people face even with the simplest things.

It is not going to be only a four-week endeavor and we know for some things and changes it may take time to be done, but all our students are glad to know that they will be the ones who started this beautiful change.

THE STEPS

1. My students have already started taking photos of ramps where cars have parked and they’ll continue doing so.
2. They also started taking photos of places where there is no ramp for wheelchairs to have access, such as in their schools, churches, cafes in the city or public buildings and banks.
3. The students have written down suggestions as to what should be done for all people in the town to get informed and aware and also, ideas as to who we should ask for help.
4. We are going to meet people of the Town Council and the Mayor to ask them work with us and get help.
5. We are going to meet the Bishop of our town and the Head of the Police to inform them about our project and ask for help and parallel actions to be organized with the cooperation of all the local authorities.
6. We are going to make a facebook page and post our efforts, the photographs the children have taken and make people aware of the problems.

It’s a blessing that all our students’ parents are so willing and eager to help us and ready to take collected action when needed.

DIFFICULTIES

* For a certain notion to change massively it will take time, continual effort and pressure from us.
* For every person in the town to get informed will also take time.
* We may not get the support and understanding we expect from some of the authorities.
* Disabled people in the town will also have to be aware of our project and take the courage to get out of their homes.

To overcome these difficulties we will ask for help from any one possible to help. The authorities, the police, the local press, the social media.

It’s a blessing that all our students’ parents are more than willing and eager to help and support this effort in any way possible.

And most of all, it’s a goal we all strongly believe that it’s worth diligently working for.

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