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Education Towards Multiculturalism in the Information Age, False Information, and What's In-Between

Presenting a shared online space for inclusive social activity for a diverse population of children and youth with and without disabilities

During this time while the world is dealing with a new reality that demands flexibility, adjustments, creative thinking and much patience from all of us - various communities find themselves still removed from the conversation and the equal treatment which they deserve.

“Krembo Wings” - the first youth movement of its kind in Israel and the world, has been providing activity for children and youth, with and without disabilities, for the past 17 years. Our participants are from various religions and genders, both in the fringes of society and in large cities, and in any community which seeks to enable equal opportunities, inclusion and belonging.

Together, “Krembo Wings” creates a place and purpose for all human beings.

At the beginning of the pandemic, our organization has found itself creating a new reality for its participants - in the face of new challenges, uncertainties and the frequent changes this time brings.

At this time, children and youth with disabilities should not be learning to deal with solitude. Sadly, this is the familiar reality many of them experience even outside times of crisis. For a variety of groups of children and youth with and without disabilities and special needs, who speak different languages and come from different backgrounds, “Krembo Wings” represents the place where they are all equal, all taking part in one inclusive activity, which provides a sense of home and a shared social space.

These times require creative adjustments in order to allow those children and youth with substantial disabilities to take active part in the virtual sessions we have used during the rounds of lockdown and in the context of social distancing imposed on all of us.

In the conference we presented the unique tool we have created, which has allowed us to offer activities to a very wide range of communities by way of cognitive, communicative, motoric and emotional accessibility applied to the activities of special education. The website we created has equipped the diverse community of the movement's activists: tutors, coaches, activists of a variety of disabilities, and parents who are offered content for their personal leisure time, in the form of reading materials, lectures and consultations. This platform provides a virtual meeting place with the goal of preserving contact, a sense of belonging, to dispel loneliness and provide physical, mental and emotional activity for the entire community of “Krembo Wings”.

We presented our rationale, and demonstrated the activity reviewed during the two rounds of the lockdown we have had to experience so far, in order to allow other groups to create similar platforms.