



Project: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

Perceiving education as a mean of enhancing student identity, the project that took place at PRAKSIS non formal educational center with children that speak five different languages and come from four different countries, including Afghanistan, Iran, Congo and Iraq, had as its main objectives among other things the exploration of the students knowledge about the world cultural wealth, giving more emphasis to the culture of the countries of origin and residence of the children. And in addition, the cultural diversity with a spirit of respect, but also the instillation of values such as those of Mutual Respect, Understanding and Acceptance of the each other.

The action, therefore, began with a game of acquaintance so that Mohammad Kasra, Zahra, Zainab, Rabia, Eonis, Mohammad Amir, Aeenda, Mohammad, Sara and Frad who were for the first time in the same class, they embark on an journey of getting to know each other.

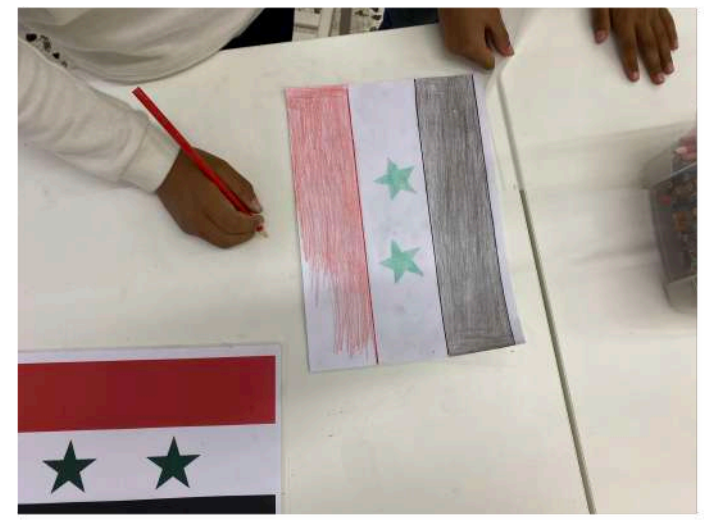
Then there was a discussion with a focus on the concept of Culture. What is Culture? What does Culture mean to us, to the students? How can we express it in our daily lives? And how to defend and promote our Culture even if we are far from our country of origin?



The project was followed by “ the game with the flags”. Flags of the country of origin of the students, but also flags of other countries more or less familiar to our students. Each student, therefore received randomly the flag of a country that they weren't very familiar with. And through discussion the students learned more information about countries and cultures, which may seem distant, but in reality are so close to us.



During the continuation of the project, the students with a team and collaborative spirit picked up their paints and colours and began to paint with a great vivacity the flags they had in their hands.



And finally, at the end of the project the flags that the students designed and painted were hanged on the wall of the classroom.



Culture, then is our love for our country. And it houses, where we are despite any geographical distance that may separate us.

What shows the culture of a country is not the size of the cities, the level of wealth or education, but the ethos and quality of people, that each country raises.