

# **EMPOWERMENT THROUGH INCLUSION**

**Together We Build Society**



**Whether you SEE it or you DON'T**

## **Summer Camp**

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**July 17th- August 2nd**

**College National Orthodoxe**

**Tripoli- Mina**

### **WHAT IS EMPOWERMENT THROUGH INCLUSION--TOGETHER WE BUILD SOCIETY?**

It is a community project that involves three parts: establishing a network of volunteers, creating a summer camp program for blind and low-vision children and their peers in partnership with the Youth Association of the Blind (YAB), and implementing the camp with YAB and the volunteers at Collège National Orthodoxe in Tripoli, Lebanon.

### **OUR PROGRAM:**

#### **1-ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF VOLUNTEERS:**

- ✓ Teamwork abilities
- ✓ Community involvement
- ✓ Moral and civic citizenship
- ✓ Interpersonal and leadership skills
- ✓ Assessing one's weaknesses and strengths
- ✓ International collaboration and exposure
- ✓ Training of volunteers by YAB support educators

- ✓ Learning and participating in the process of inclusion of people with disabilities

### **2-CREATING A SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM:**

- Will include visually-impaired and sighted children—promoting inclusion
- Academic & extracurricular focus: subject strengthening, Braille, computer, languages, art, music & life skills.
- Excursion trips to different places and locations in Lebanon
- Creating a peace painting with the international movement Kids' Guernica

### **3-ENVISIONED GOALS OF CHILDREN'S CAMP:**

- ✓ Instill self-confidence
- ✓ Societal awareness
- ✓ Community support
- ✓ Develop self-independence
- ✓ Promote inclusion of visually impaired individuals in academic and social spheres

### **About Empowerment through Inclusion—Together We Build Society**

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Our project received the Outstanding Award of Education from the Clinton Global Initiative Association, and the Emily Greene Balch award from Wellesley College.

**With the collaboration of the Youth Association of the Blind (YAB):**

**[www.yablb.org](http://www.yablb.org)**

Established in 1988, the Youth Association of the Blind (YAB) is a Lebanese non-governmental and non-profitable national organization with a regional dimension. YAB has no religious or political affiliation. YAB believes in full participation and fair equality of opportunities refusing all forms of isolation and discrimination. YAB's overall goal is the full integration of the visually impaired in all spheres of society. YAB's main strategies are advocacy, pilot projects and networking, to ensure access to rights and services for being in a society for all.

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## KIDS' GUERNICA

( [www.kids-guernica.org](http://www.kids-guernica.org)):

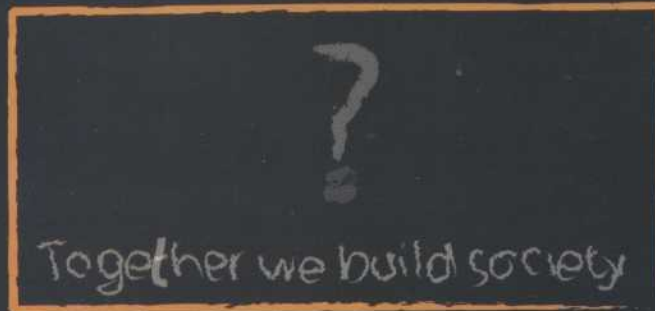
Is a peace movement which started in 1995 in Japan, 50 years after the end of World War II. It addresses children all over the world and calls upon them to express themselves on peace through painting.

### Kids' Guernica Peace Painting :

"Enough! We want to live" - painting from Tripoli Lebanon 2007 .



### Summer camp 2009 Painting:



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