

2016 International Essay Contest for Young People

[Children's Category – Honorable Mention]

## **Together**

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“We live in a world with many complex problems”. What do you think when you hear that? Do you think about your neighbor that struggles to get a job and feed his children because of his nationality? Maybe your sister, that made a mistake and is going to spend the rest of her life regretting it. What about you? Do you think about what turns your life could have taken, if only you had done things differently?

Racism, sexism, prejudice, Bomb, terrorists attacks, murders, Gangs, crimes, robberies, Global warming, gas leaks, oil spills.

All of the things I’ve said above are problems. From your neighbor, to terrorist attacks, they are all complex problems. Depending on the way you see it, some might be nothing compared to others, but you are wrong. In all these cases, lives were changed and they might never be the same again.

From the beginning of this text, I’ve been asking too many questions and typing too many times the word “problem”, when I should be providing you a great solution.

Maybe we are just looking in the wrong places, asking the wrong questions. Instead of asking what is the problem with our world, we should be asking: who can solve this problem? I do have an answer for that question: WE, We all live in this world. It is mine, it is yours, it is your neighbor’s and your sister’s. And, together, we are the solution to everything. That is the whole point of this text, my point is nothing but ordinary: we can achieve a lot, by working together.

The question I was asked, in other words, was: what kind of education could help us address these problems? After a huge introduction, here is my answer. The kind of education we need is simple, and extremely easy to give, **we need each other's knowledge.**

We need children to learn at their schools that it's okay to be different. To learn values, like respect and responsibility. They need to learn to care for others, to take risks, to reflect on their mistakes and other traits that will make them a better person. When these children grow up, they'll teach their children, who will teach their children, who will teach their children.

We are all students. Regardless our age, we are always learning. We need to teach each other that we are equals, we need to teach each other we are all worthy, we need to teach each other we all deserve to be respected. That is the education we need to create a better life for all and I hope we will succeed in doing that.

With this education, which is already given by certain schools, the world can keep on being a beautiful community. A beautiful community which is my home, your home, your neighbor's home and your sister's home.

That is my knowledge, and therefore, as you read this, I hope you have learned something new; maybe about me, about yourself or about this world. It is a cycle I am glad to say I'm a part of and I hope everybody is too. This is my solution, and as ordinary as it may be, it makes a difference. I make a difference, but together, we can make lots of differences.