

Recycling Values for World Peace

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Abstract

This presentation describes an ongoing PEACE/PAZ/RAUHA -project that connects Finland with Cuba, and is conducted in honor of the 100-year-independence-anniversary of Finland. It is co-operation of the author and a Cuban community artist "Reymundo de la Paz Mundial". The project's starting point was that Finnish children and young people reflected on their values: What do they appreciate in Finland? They responded with a photograph and explained the meaning with some words.

The participants were 19 first year pupils of practice school of University of Lapland, and 85 university students whose aim is to become generalist teachers.

The majority of the students' responses dealt with Finnish nature: its beauty and/or its cleanness. Nature was explained to be a good place for relaxing. Over ten students mentioned especially summer with white nights being their favorite season, and about as many considered winter to be the best for snow that offers exercise possibilities. Also, the change of four seasons was popular. Other issues mentioned by several students were lakes and other areas with pure natural water, freedom, and everyman's right.

Pupils' responses which were realized in school premises varied from school yard with its activities to studying and reading, school lunch, and various items they found interesting, such as animals, plants, and art works.

In the end of 2018, there will be an exhibition in Cuba showing the photos together with Reymundo's sculptures. He will make them of recycled materials using the Finnish values as a starting point.

Keywords

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