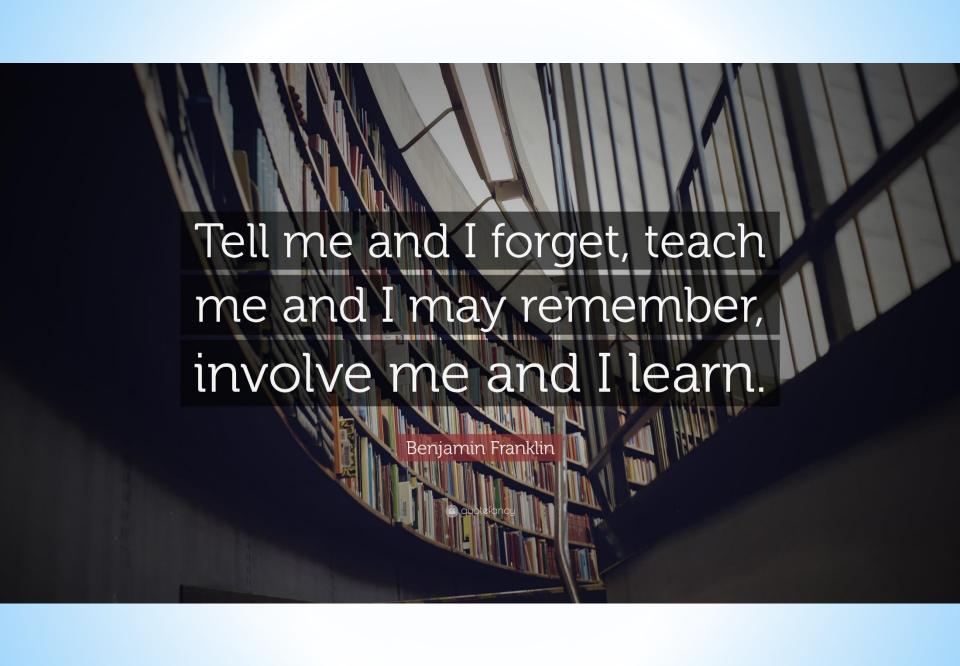
# Peer-to-Peer Biannual Social Awareness Seminars

#### The rationale behind the seminars

The main goal of these seminars is to discuss social issues that need to be raised but are not part of the demanding and time pressed school curriculum, but also, to give students the opportunity to do research, collaborate and present their work in front of an audience.



# The benefits of giving presentations to a larger audience

#### Students were taught how:

- \* to conduct research efficiently and effectively,
- \* to support an argument with all the available means of persuasion,
- \* to present themselves to others with confidence and self-assurance,
- \* to refine their general communication abilities,
- \* to adjust messages to their listeners,
- \* to deliver a speech with confidence and impact

Speakers aren't born effective; they make themselves effective!!!

## The benefits of presenting to your peers

By definition peer-to-peer learning is a method of learning in which students learn from and with each other.

- \* Students had the opportunity to learn by explaining their ideas to others.
- \*They got to organize and plan their group presentations.
- \*They got to work with the other groups, give feedback and evaluate their own learning and performance.
- \* They got to feel increasingly more comfortable, opened up and interacted more with their peers.
- \* Both presenters and listeners felt a greater connection because of their similar positions in school.

## The benefits of presenting to your peers

**But most importantly....** 

...they had FUN doing it....

..... and they would do it again in a heartbeat!!!

### Topics presented in our 1<sup>st</sup> Seminar

- \* Cyberbullying and teens
- \* Catphishing
- \* Invasion of privacy
- \* Photoshop
- \* Synthetic drugs
- \* Injectable drugs
- \* Smokable drugs

### From our 1st Seminar...









### Topics presented in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar

- \* Domestic Violence
- \* Women's Rights
- \* Self-Image
- \* Homophobia and Sexual Preferences
- \* Bullying
- \* Patriarchy in today's society
- \* Double Standards
- \* Mental Illnesses
- \* Teens and Child Pornography-Revenge Porn

### From our 2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar...









### Topics presented in our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Seminars

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Seminar

- \* Genders
- \* Anxiety Depression
- \* Romanticizing social issues
- \* Acceptance
- \* Patriarchy-Sexism
- \* The struggles of women in Iran
- \* Human Trafficking
- \* Sexual Reproductive Rights
- \* Abusive Relationships

### Topics presented in our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Seminars

#### 4th Seminar - Guest Schools

- \* Women's Rights Constantina Symeou, Aradippou Lyceum
- \* Patriarchy Constantina Symeou, Aradippou Lyceum
- \* Stereotypes Andri Kyriakou, B Technical School Nicosia
- \* Breaking down Social Media's Impact Demetra Aristodemou, Eliana Kyrmizi, TESEK MAKARIOS C Nicosia
- \* What Unites Us Danniella Daniel, Ethnomartyra Kyprianou Lyceum
- \* To be or not to be Accepted Constantina Symeou, Aradippou Lyceum
- \* Mental Health Problems and Teenagers Danniella Daniel, Ethnomartyra Kyprianou Lyceum
- \* Beyond the Fairytales: Once Upon a Time... Demetra Aristodemou, Eliana Kyrmizi, TESEK MAKARIOS C Nicosia
- \* Animal Testing Danniella Daniel, Ethnomartyra Kyprianou Lyceum

### Peer-to-peer Biannual Social Awareness Seminars

- \* Plans / hopes for the future:
- Continue to conduct 2 series of seminars per year.
- Collaborate with even more schools, where students can both attend and give presentations as well.
- Invite guest speakers to attend the seminars and participate in the discussion.
- These seminars become the norm and we have a national P2P Social Awareness Day

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