

Handicap International

No to the bombing of civilians!

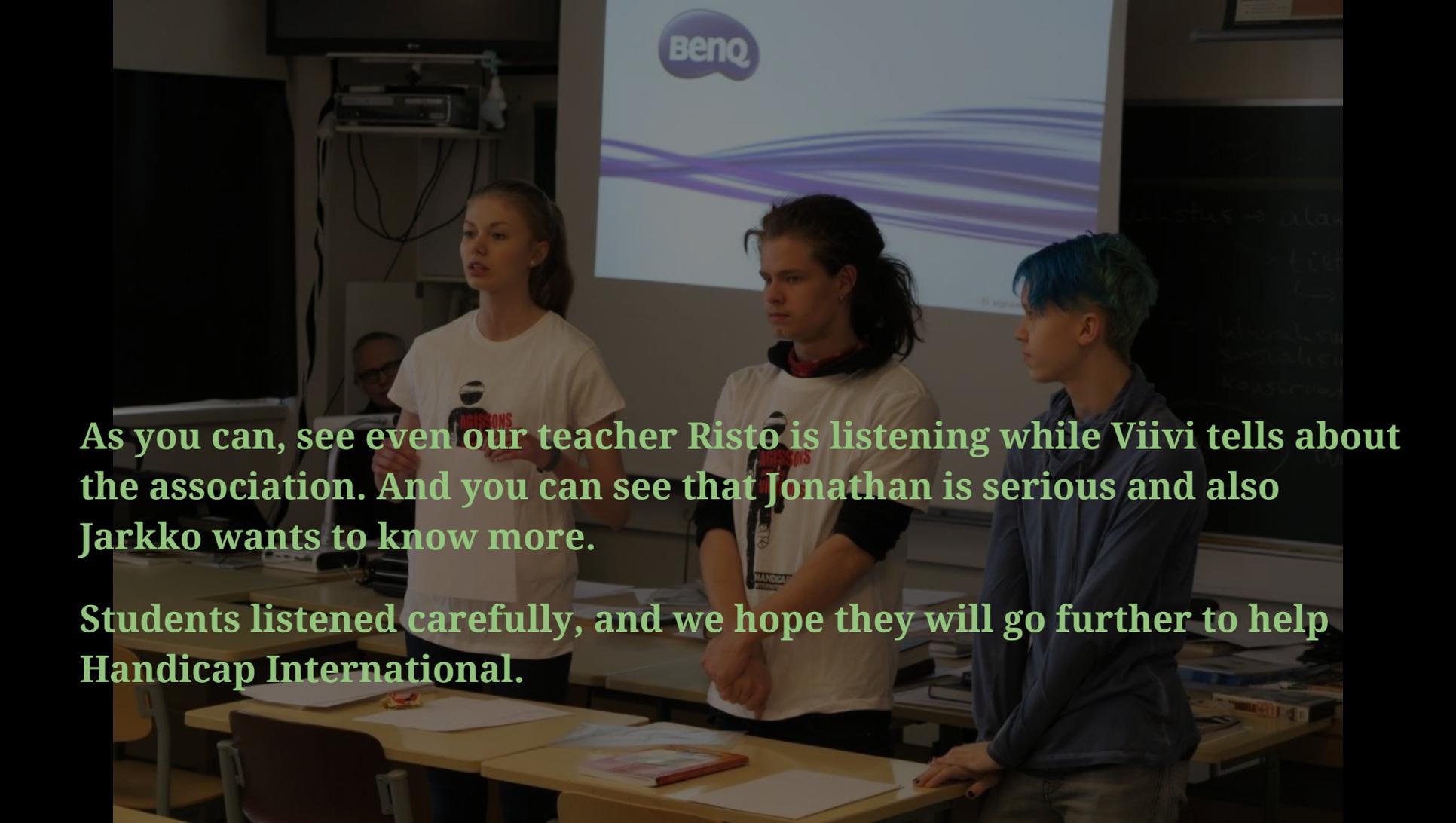


What we did for Handicap International:

1. Told about it to all the students in our high school
2. Contacted the members of the parliament in order to discuss
3. Got signatures
4. Gave people stickers
5. Told people to take care of others all around the world

A photograph of four young women standing in a room, possibly a classroom or meeting area. They are engaged in conversation. The woman on the far left is wearing a white t-shirt with a logo that includes the word "HANDICAP". The woman next to her is wearing a dark cardigan over a grey top. The woman in the middle is wearing a grey sweater and a black and white patterned scarf. The woman on the far right is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and glasses. The background is a plain wall with a white baseboard. There are tables and chairs visible in the foreground and background.

Finnish people think that killing others is wrong! We talked about the important job that Handicap International has done.

A classroom setting where three students are presenting. A female student on the left is speaking, while two male students stand beside her, listening. In the background, a projector screen displays the BenQ logo and a presentation slide with purple wavy lines. A teacher is visible in the background, listening. The students are wearing white t-shirts with a logo that includes the word 'HANDICAP'.

As you can, see even our teacher Risto is listening while Viivi tells about the association. And you can see that Jonathan is serious and also Jarkko wants to know more.

Students listened carefully, and we hope they will go further to help Handicap International.

Something we misunderstood...

We thought that handicap international wants Finnish people to say no to all bombs and stuff, but then when we had a week to go, we heard some things that changed the situation a lot: the meaning of the association is to agree that killing civilians is wrong, not to say that bombs are stupid even if they are here to protect. We understood the whole thing wrong, so that's what happened. Now we have been in touch to members of the parliament and to our honored president, Sauli Niinistö. They told us why it is hard to sign the paper, because in Finland we still have bombs. The main thing is our geopolitical position. But it's okay, at least we know that our bombs are here to make sure that we are safe.

So, what is Finland's official point of view?

- The government has decided not to use anti-personnel mines (2012 Ottawa).
- What comes to cluster munitions, Finland isn't taking part in the Oslo Convention (2008) that forbids them. Cluster munitions are in a crucial position in the Finnish defence system.
- The Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has given support to the clearance of mines.

All the people we contacted

*Erkki Tuomioja Member of parliament,
foreign minister 2000-2007 and 2011-2015

Paavo Arhinmäki Member of parliament

Juha Sipilä Prime minister

Anne Kalmar Member of Parliament

Pekka Haavisto Member of Parliament

Timo Soini Minister of Foreign Affairs

Alexander Stubb Chancellor of the Exchequer

Sauli Niinistö Finland's honored President

Tarja Halonen former President

Martti Ahtisaari former President

Mauno Koivisto former President

*Petri Honkonen Member of Parliament

Carl Haglund former Secretary of Defence

*Jussi Niinistö

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