LITHUANIA – KLAIPĖDA TAURALAUKIS PROGYMNASYUM

32 kids were questioned, each from 4 to 6 years old

First question: what differences can there be between humans. 8 kids (25%) out of 32 said that they don‘t know any differences between humans. One child said that human can be of different genders: there are boys and girls. 12 kids (37.5%) said that people have different heights: some are tall, short or average height. 10 kids (31%) said that people can have different hair colors. 7 kids (21.8%) said that people can have different skin colors. Some kids said that people have different voices, eye colors and some wear glasses.

The second and third questions asked if kids knew what a wheelchair, glasses, blind stick and hearing aid are and when they are used. Pictures were shown. 3 kids (9.3%) could't name what these items are used for. 24 kids (75%) knew what is a wheelchair and that it is used when a person can’t walk. No one knew what a blind stick was and what it was used for. What a hearing aid is knew 6 kids (18.75%), because they have a friend who uses it. 30 kids (93%) could recognize glasses and say what they are used for.

The fourth question was used to find out if the children know any people, who need help. Kids know these people from their close surroundings: grandmas, parents, friends, neighbors, educators. 13 kids (40,6%) said they don’t know any people, who need help and couldn’t answer the given question.

To the question – how can we help a person in need – 16 kids (50%) couldn’t say any way they could help. 10 kids (37.5%) said that they could help a wheelchair bound person, by pushing the chair or by carrying their stuff. 6 kids (18.75%) said, that they would talk louder to a kid with a hearing aid, so he can hear and understand everything.

10 (31.25%) of the questioned kids said that playing with kids who have special needs is impossible. 7 (21%) said that they could only play board games with them. 15 (46.8%) kids said that they could play, but only with the help of a friend.

To a question – is being different good or bad – 8 kids (25%) said that they don’t know. 14 (43.75%) kid said that being different is bad, because you can’t walk, you see badly and hear badly. 10 kids (31.25%) said that being different is OK.