

Democracy and Human Rights IN SCHOOL

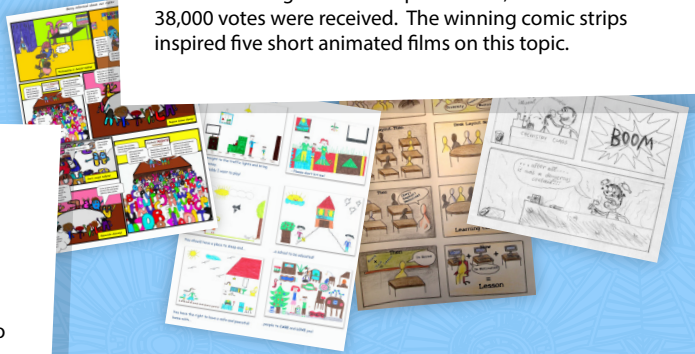
The joint European Commission – Council of Europe Pilot Projects Scheme “Human Rights and Democracy in Action” was launched in 2013. Its purpose is to collect data, to facilitate exchange and cooperation, and to contribute to the development of sustainable mechanisms for the promotion of citizenship and human rights education in the participating countries.



What does “democracy and human rights at school” mean to you? To find out what young people think about this topic, the European Commission and the Council of Europe organised a comic strip competition. By December 2013 a total of 332 comic strips had been received, 34 were shortlisted by a panel of education experts and 10 were selected through an on-line public vote, in which over 38,000 votes were received. The winning comic strips inspired five short animated films on this topic.

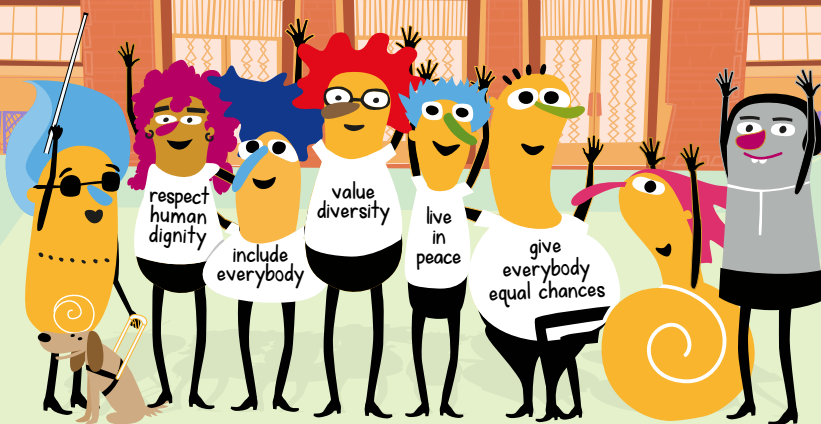
The following exhibition panels introduce you firstly to the authors of the winning entries, then to the drawings themselves and the cartoons inspired by them.

All the comic strips received and the five filmed animations are available on-line, and give an excellent overview of how the values of democracy and human rights are connected to school life and how they can be learned.



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Now let's meet the winning entrants and hear from them what inspired them to enter the competition and what message they want to share with us....

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"I wanted to show that we can all be friends, because no matter what our backgrounds are, we are all human. No matter how different we may seem, we can be friends and fit in together, much like a jigsaw. This is what diversity and equality means to me"

Entry number 78
Lana Krumina



"We intended to promote democratic education practices and establish a culture of human rights in our classes. Being shortlisted is great recognition for our young students' personal experiences and ideas of equality, peace, inclusion and diversity."

Entry number 130
Kaminia and Analipsi Kindergartens



"We took part in the comic strip competition as part of the implementation of the programme 'The house of children' which deals with the topics of children's aggression and children's rights"

Entry number 292
Hara Alamanioti, Irini Panagiotou, Rea Tsoli, Melina Labraki, Maria Rasim, Maria Lemoni, Chris Skouras, Erika Dervisi



"My main motivation for participating in this contest was to have the opportunity to express my thoughts on the values of human rights and democracy"

Entry number 251
Anastasios Karamintzas



"We believe that this competition gave us the opportunity to think a lot about democracy and human rights education at school and helped us through our cooperation and working together to become better people and students now, but also better democratic citizens tomorrow"

Entry number 246
Vera Kamtsi, Loutfie Gioura, Irini Dimaki, Maria Daniilidou

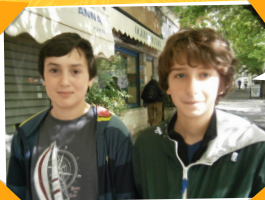
"Drawing on our own and our parents' experiences, we decided to compare schools from the past, which were more authoritarian and impersonal, with contemporary schools, where diversity and human rights are respected and celebrated"

Entry number 16
Eleni Mavroeidi, Konstantina Mavroeidi, Maria Athanasiou, Maria Chalastani



"I have always defended other people's rights as well as my own. Participating in this competition was an opportunity to contribute to the education of European students' rights and consequently, contribute to the shaping of a society where diversity, and generally our rights are respected."

Entry number 312
Mairi Lyrakou



"We chose everyone's right to express themselves because we are both very chatty. We wanted to give our contribution to a theme which has engaged us personally"

Entry number 153
Rocco Baglioni, Niccolò Longo

"I wanted to send a message about the importance of nutrition for children. My teacher explained to us that having a good breakfast is necessary for our brain to function."

Winner: Entry number 133
Gino Vaggelis



"We were immediately attracted by the idea of a comic strip expressing our concern for some incidences of verbal violence in our school that had affected the whole school community."

Winner: Entry number 268
Nikoleta Pitsidianaki, and Maria Tylianaki



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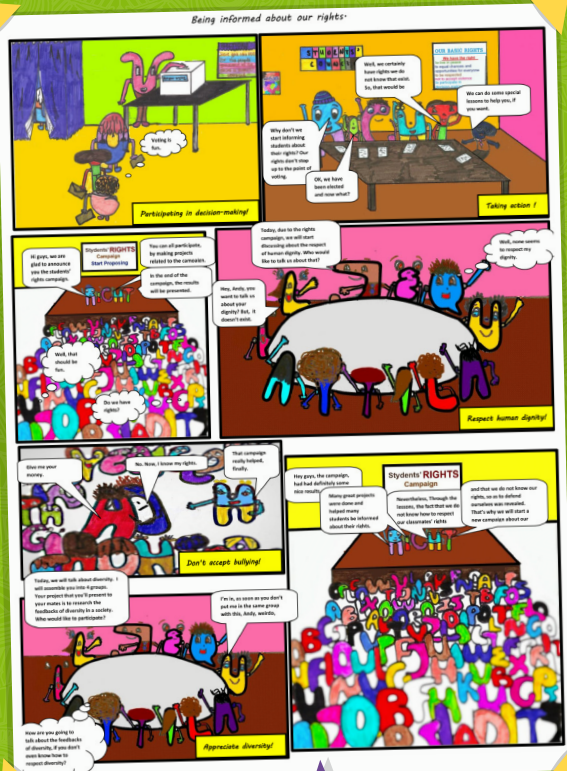


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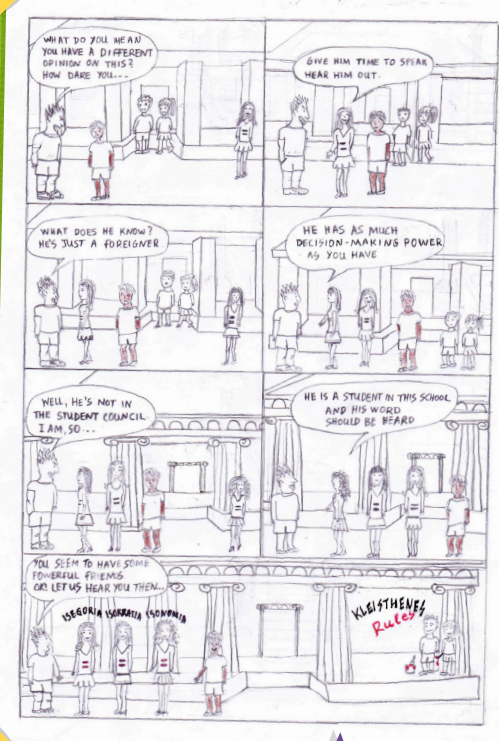


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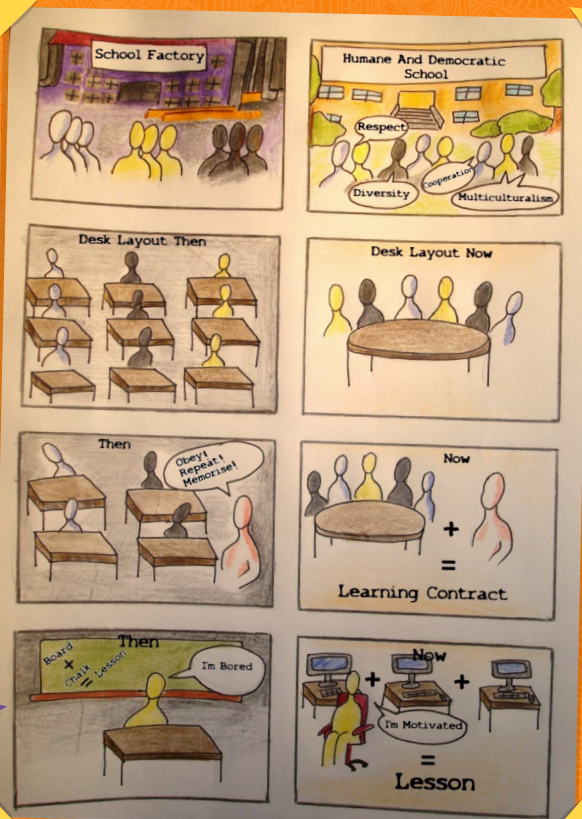
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Change your school

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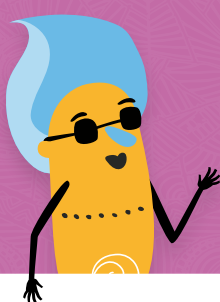
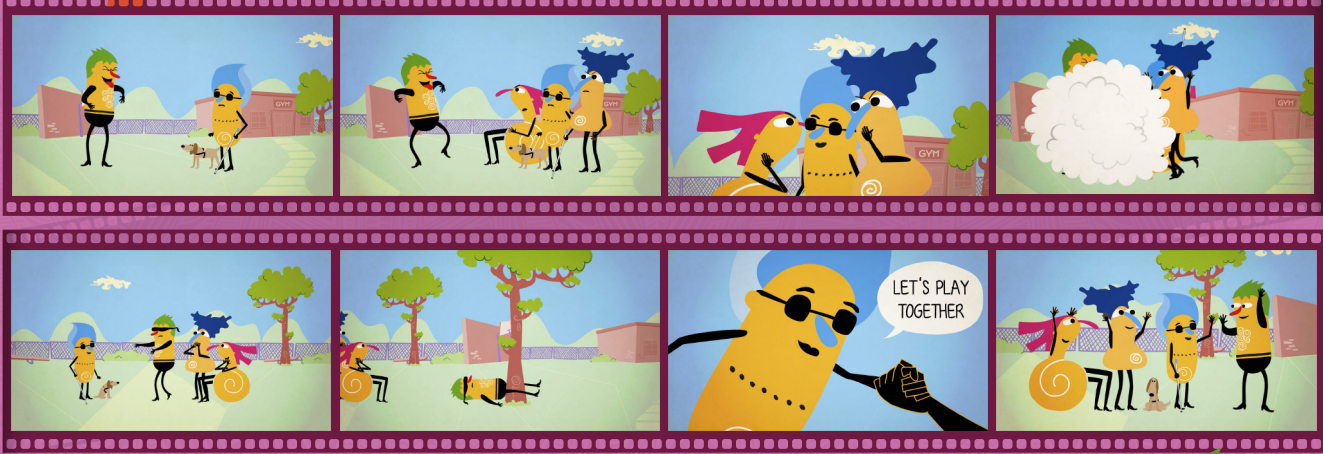
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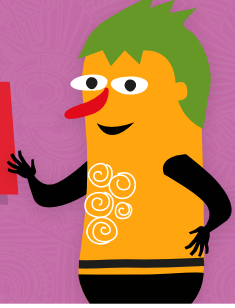
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Respect human dignity



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