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**Why Don’t You Speak My language?**



On June 10th through the 16th we will have a project called “ Why don’t you speak my language?” that will take place the beautiful city of Adana in Turkey in 2015. This project features the difficult lives that our friends whom are hearing impaired and in the deaf community go through everyday. The project highlights the problems faced by the people with earing disabilities, to inform people on this issue and to raise awareness. The starting point of our project begins with the the disadvantaged shortcoming of our friends not being able to understand clearly or not hear at all has them not being able to understand what we say, and have no idea about music and what it sounds like. Their biggest problem is being outcasted from society because of their inability to both speak back and not understand what they hear. Unfortunately, people only feel bad for them or make fun of them. So because of this, those who are hearing impaired or are deaf tend to shelter themselves around others who don’t have the disability like they do.

Therefore, we have decided to create this project in order to show the participants by modifying there auditory capabilities so that they can understand this and be more understanding of the feelings for those who can’t hear well or can’t hear at all. This way they can decide to take a stand and change their attitude about this situation.

We will chose 30 participants from 6 different counteries between the ages of 18 to 30. We plan on using this method while having mixed groups. This way our participants will try to find another way to communicate with each other and learn about other cultures, languages, and ethnic groups to bring everyone together.

Some of the activities that will take place:

* + Why this project is important
  + Can you understand me without talking?
  + What have we learn so far
  + Cultural Night
  + Do you know what is my biggest flaw?
  + Sing a song in our language
  + I know I cannot hear anything
  + But do you know I still have feelings?
  + You don’t understand that I can’t hear what the difference is
  + Movie time
  + General evaluation
  + Trip around Adana

We do realize that perhaps that we can't change the world, but we do believe that one person can motivate and help change society. Throughout this project, we hope that the selected 30 participants will learn a great deal about this subject and be willing to change their behaviour towards those with hearing disabilities. This way, they will be willing to help others within society to better understand this, for those who may not have an idea at all. This way, this project may be the stepping stones in the future to stop this sterotypicla behaviour towards a group of people.

With our project taking place in Adana, it will help contribute to the local economy at the same time. in the long run, those who are in the European Union society will receive information about the project and others may want to participate in this project in the future. This way both the European Union and Turkish National Agency will have to advertise about this idea.