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We have asked a group of young people from ASPnet schools in the United States to share their views about discrimination and respect

We had 108 responses to our survey from young people aged 10 to 16 years.

Here are some of their replies:

What does respect mean to you?

- Be nice to others
- Be kind to people
- Have real good friends
- Treat others how I would like to be treated
- Everyone shows kindness to others

What does respect mean to you?

- Understand my friends
- Respect means love
- Listen to others
- Respect is great for living together

Why is respect important?

- If everybody shows respect we can all become a united place where there are no wars or fights
- If we all showed a little more respect , not only to people, but also to our environment, then our world would have less and less wars and pollution
- It shows everyone how important they are to a community, a school and much more

Why is respect important?

- Without respect a school could turn into a very unhealthy place for students and teachers
- If no one had respect there would be more violence
- Without respect there is no peace

How do you show respect?

- Helping my friends with their problems
- Not bullying people
- Holding the door for elderly people
- Considering how your thoughts, actions, and words will affect other people
- Listening respectfully and sharing my views
- Listening to all of the directions that are given to me

Have you ever experienced disrespect from anybody?

- My different sexuality from most has proved to be a huge prejudgment in the minds of many
- I have experienced disrespect many times, like many others, from all ages, genders and races whether it was intentional or unintentional
- Yes, but usually it doesn't bother me as the situation is usually talked over

Have you ever experienced disrespect from anybody?

- Some people start rumors about me and my friends
- No because I show respect to other people and they show it back
- No but I've seen other people being treated with disrespect

What shared activities among your friends do you suggest for encouraging the value of respect for all?

- Joining drama, dance, sports, painting an art project
- A game where no one is left out and is treated fairly
- Be friends to all people in different countries

What shared activities among your friends do you suggest for encouraging the value of respect for all?

- Within my school, we have done local projects such as soup kitchens and language, and I feel as this is a great show of respect for my community
- A meeting about respect and disrespect

What kind of actions would you like to see UNESCO undertake?

- Help out kids who don't have respect for others
- Have more schools link with other schools
- Meet people from other parts of the world, do an E-Mail system for pen-pals

What kind of actions would you like to see UNESCO undertake?

- World meeting where all the nations' leaders get together and discuss if we could somehow have less wars and more peace
- Have a buddy system of schools for people from around the world. Promote no racism

UNESCO is grateful to the young people who participated in the survey and we look forward to receiving more views throughout the project

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