TRIBUNE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME

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Присутните имаа исключителна можность да слушнат дел од поезијата на Александар Матовски-Цако кој е студент на Педагошкиот факултет „Свети Климент Охридски”, а воедно и личност со Down синдром. По настапот на Цако следеше излагањето на г-ѓа Хелена Меловник-Зрински, извршен директор на „Три суомија 21” од Загреб, Хрватска, на тема „Сонот на еден ангел.

Г-ѓа Коралка Жепец - дипломиран рехабилитатор и г-ѓа Хрвојка Вуковик - дипломиран рехабилитатор и асистент во Brain Gym, настапија со темата Brain Gym кај лицата со Down синдром, додека со своето излагање на тема Коморбидитет на Down синдромот не запозна проф. д-р Елизабета Зисовска – педијатар – неонатолог од Скопје. Проф. д-р Дончо Донев зборуваше на тема „Јавно-здравствените аспекти на Down синдромот во Република Македонија.

По паузата следеше вториот блок-настап кој започна со настапот на Кристијан Стојанов-Кико, осмоделенец во Основното училиште „Димо Хаџи Димов” и еден од првите корисници на услугите на „Отворете ги прозорците“ - Центар за асистивна технологија. Кико ги презентираше своите вештини во изработка на power point-представа. По настапот на Кико следеше предавањето на проф. д-р Владимир Трајковски - претседател на Македонското научно здружење за аутизм (МНЗА), а воедно и еден од организаторите на трибината. Професорот Трајковски зборуваше на тема Познавност на биохемиските нарушувања кај Down синдром и аутизмот. Целата манифестација беше збогатена со настапот на нашата поп-пејачка Елена Петреска. За развивање на условите за инклузија на лицата со посебни потреби во редовните училишта зборуваше Росица Колева, специјалист на училишта и логопед, а воедно и сестра на лице со Down синдром. По излагањето на Росица Колева следеше презентација на слики од Никола Колев -лице со Down синдром. Трибината беше збогатена со настапот на г. Стојан Андонов преку него вата тема Окуваца на терапија кај лицата со Down синдром, додека пак, г. Живко Јаневски, претседател на невладината организација „Slowfood Св. Наум Охридски” настапи со темата „Здрави навики преку здрава храна.”

По искрпните презентации следеа минути за дискусија.

The attendees had an extraordinary opportunity to hear the poetry of Alexander Matovski-CAKO, a student of the Pedagogical Faculty “St. Kliment Ohridski”, a person with Down syndrome. CAKO’s performance, Mrs. Helena Melovnik Zrinjski-CEO of “Trisomy 21” from Zagreb, Croatia had a presentation on the topic The dream of an angel.

Mrs. Koraljka Zhpece graduate Rehabilitation therapist and Ms. Vukovic Hrvjoka rehabilitator-graduate assistant at Brain Gym spoke about The Brain Gym in individuals with Down syndrome, while Comorbidity of Down syndrome was presented by Prof.Dr. Elizabeth Zivoska, pediatrician-neonatologist from Skopje. Professor. Dr. Doncho Donev spoke on the topic Public health aspects of Down syndrome in the Republic of Macedonia.

After the break there was a second block of performances that began with Christian Stojanov-Kiko, eight grade student in the elementary school “Dimo Hadzi Dimov” and one of the first users of the Open the Windows-Center for assistive technology. Kiko presented his own skills in making a Power Point presentation. After Kiko’s performance there was a presentation of Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski, President of the Macedonian Scientific Society for Autism (MSSA) and also one of the organizers of the debate. Professor Trajkovski spoke on the topic Connection between biochemical disturbances in Down syndrome and autism. The whole event was enriched with the performance of our pop singer Elena Petreska. Rosica Koleva, special educator and speech therapist, also a sister of a person with Down Syndrome spoke about the development of conditions for inclusion of persons with disabilities in regular schools. After Rosica’s presentation there was a presentations of photos of Nikola Kolev, person with Down syndrome. Mr. Stojan Andonov introduced us with Occupational therapy for people with Down syndrome, while Mr. Zivko Janevski, president of the NGO “Slowfood St. Naum Ohridski” spoke on the topic Healthy habits through healthy food.

After an extensive presentations, there was a discussion.