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PRESS RELEASE

1st SCHOOL STREET FESTIVAL OF ART AND ACCEPTANCE

"A Hug ... to Change the World !!!"

7 October 4.30pm -24.00pm

At Ermou pedestrian street (Thiseio / Association of Archaeologists of Athens)

The Association of Teachers and Artists: **Network of Art and Action (People with the Balloons)**, with the support of **the Municipality of Athens**, invite you to **The 1st School Street Festival of Art and Acceptance** to be held on **October 7, 2017 (4.30pm -24.00pm)** in **the Ermou pedestrian street at Thiseio**, at the place of the Association Of Archaeologists in Athens.

The event is supported **by the Citizen's Advocate (Sinigoros tou Politi)/ Child's Advocate (Sinigoros tou Paidiou) and the UNHCR (UN REFUGEE AGENCY)**

The festival will be held just for an afternoon, at the city center of Athens. The location of the event is one of the most vivid and intense multicultural areas of the greek capital. At this very point, the Greek School Community will gather along with collectives, artists, organizations, immigrant communities and refugees, representatives of social vulnerable groups to discuss and ask **for Acceptance and Inclusion of the aforementioned to the Society.**

We invite all the schools to participate to this action and present their projects related to Social Acceptance, **Acceptance of Diversity, Inclusion, Human Rights, against Hate Speech, etc.** The registration deadline is **up to 25 September 2017**. Please attach your contact details (contact person and e-mail) at: art.school.street.fest@gmail.com

The invitation is addressed to schools from all levels of Education. It will be provided to the participators a space to set their information tables or their workshops so as to present their projects related to Social Acceptance.

The participants institutions are the following:

Citizen's Advocate (Sinigoros tou Politi)/Child's Advocate (Sinigoros tou Paidiou) , the UNHCR (UN REFUGEE AGENCY) , ARSIS - A Social organization for Youth support, Open Schools for immigrants at Piraeus , Antonis Papatheodoulou /author , Ani-Mate & Meet the Other, ART TUTU, Ash in Art, ActionAid Hellas, Generation2.0, Griego Latino, Network of Art and Action (People with Balloons), Hellenic Association for Asperger Syndrome, Hellenic Children's Museum, ZOES, Center for the Prevention of Addiction & Promotion Of Psychosocial Health " Athena Health", Theatroedu.gr (Pan-Hellenic Network for Theater in Education) , Scouts-Active Citizens of the World, Roots & Shoots Jane Goodal Institute, Solidarity Now , Skasiarhio Georgian's Association , The Rainbow school_School, and FARE TRADE Hellas.

Also, there will be an outdoor art exhibition of **Mhamad Nakam** and the international street artist **WD** .

Participating Music Shows / Musicians:

Babu Gaye, JUSU FOLI SAFARA DJEMBE, FRoOTS SaLaD, The Bad Slide Stam, Tribal West, and The Intercultural Choir of the National Opera / Niarchos Foundation

The parade of the Festival, which will begin at 8pm at Monastiraki place, will be led by:

QUILOMBO, Abada Capoeira, and the Greek Puppet Center :'' UNIMA HELLAS''.

For more information about your participation, please check out our official webpage:
<https://artschoolfestival.blogspot.gr/>

Yours Sincerely,

Eleni Karagianni

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