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# Disability Aware Youth

## Raising awareness of disability through interactive education

The project aimed to raise awareness about disability and promote inclusion and diversity in our community. We worked with middle school students from Standley Middle School to educate them about disabilities and the importance of creating a more inclusive society.

As part of our Sustainability Plan, we partnered with Waltham Group and developed a set of resources and materials that will be used by SPECTRUM

The experience of our project was both rewarding and challenging. We took several steps to engage the students, **including interactive presentations, group discussions, and hands-on activities.** One of the major challenges we faced was finding ways to make the content accessible and engaging for students of different learning styles and abilities. However, through collaboration and creative problem-solving, we were able to overcome these challenges and create a meaningful experience for everyone involved.

" It was interesting that so many of our friends have disabilities and we didn't even know it !"  
James, 9 y.o.

" I didn't know disabilities are more than physical"  
Sophie, 10 y.o.

" I feel happy that we talk about this because I have a disability"  
Andrew, 9 y.o.

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