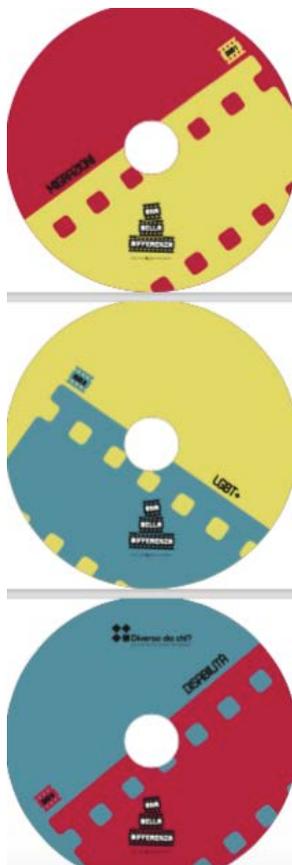


A BEAUTIFUL DIFFERENCE- Overcoming all fears.

A project by the Association *Il Razzismo è una brutta storia (Racism is a bad story)*
for Italian schools



Why do people emigrate from one country to another? How is life in refugee camps? Are Muslims different from people of other faiths? What are the implications of being deaf? What does it mean to address homophobic attacks at school? How does seeking asylum in another country impacts one's identity? What is "identity" for each of us?

"A BEAUTIFUL DIFFERENCE- Overcoming all fears." is based on the belief that knowing and appreciating differences allows for mutual enrichment and genuine human encounter. The project encompasses many kinds of stereotypes and fears, and addresses different forms of racisms such as **xenophobia, islamophobia, homophobia, gender discrimination and discrimination towards people with disabilities.** Through **thirty-four short films** and an online study guide, UBD helps teachers **confronting some of the most common stereotypes** and building a culture of inclusion.

With ***How we choose*** by Alexandria Bombach we learn about the lives of Afghan men and women who have chosen to stay in Afghanistan, a counter-narrative to that of migration as the only goal for non-European citizens. ***Ahmad's Hair***, the story of a Syrian child refugee who decides to grow his hair to give it to a sick child in the Netherlands, shows us the universal need to be active citizens and contribute positively to society. The two children protagonists of ***Les pionniers*** by Gaby Ohayon, a Muslim and a Jew, take us on their funny adventure to discover myths and realities about circumcision. **And this is just DVD 1! DVD 2 on LGBT issues and DVD 3 on disabilities** will widen our horizons on a wide variety of society's biggest fears!

Training for teachers, screenings and meetings with experts complete this project, designed by Association ***Il Razzismo è una brutta storia***, in partnership with **A.I.A.C.E. Milano** and **C.I.G. - Arci Gay Milano**, with the support of **Chiesa Valdese**.

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