

Foreword

In an evermore globalized world where cultural, ethnical and social backgrounds intermingle on all levels, of course also the educational settings are effected. Hence it is important that environments rich in differences are used in a positive way, starting from a very young age. Then these factors can become an opportunity to learn from each other and about each other's families, and rather than creating fear and hostility, instead help to develop tolerance and understanding.

Since many years, I have often spoken about non-formal education, a life long education, that teaches basic human skills and qualities such as compassion, love and equanimity etc to help us deal with any life situation from birth until death.

This book is an excellent contribution to encourage teachers to turn the multitude of social diversity and personal differences in schools into a constructive environment that goes beyond the teaching curriculum encouraging the formation of accepting, caring and open-minded individuals that can help to shape and build global peace and harmony.

I rejoice in this publication by Kitlyn Tjin and Irene Zwaan entitled "Protective Wraps in schools" focusing on children's differences in formal education, and hope it will be an inspiration to the readers.

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