

Stories written by the students during the workshop in Kerkini.

1. Title: "Changing is possible".

The main character:

A boy, called Martin, was a victim of bullying in the past, and later he changed his behaviour and became a new buller who enjoyed bordering girls.

His actions:

Martin insulted and molested girls continuously with nasty and offensive comments.

The expressions Martin said:

He used expressions like "ugly, idiot, stupid, I want your body, ..."

The consequences:

He made girls feel uncomfortable all the time. At the end of the story Martin understood his fault and changed his behaviour.

Where did it happen?

In this case, everything happened at school.

The story:

Martin, a 15 year old boy, crossed with Olivia at the corridor in the school and he started insulting her. He even tried to touch her. Olivia didn't know what to do, so she felt very stressed. Luckily, her brother arrived in time to save her.

Later, the Headmaster of the school was called and Martin received a punishment. Nevertheless, the Principal explained Martin the damage that his attitude could cause to others, and he was able to understand how awful that situation was, so he changed his behaviour.

Since then, his relationship with Olivia and her brother changed completely because Martin apologized.

(Text supervised by Sandy).

2. Title: "Tainted Love".

The main characters:

A teenager and a rather strong girl.

The story:

A teenager was in love with a rather strong girl, but he didn't want his friends to know about his feelings. He thought that uploading photos of the girl on Facebook to laugh about her appearance would hide his embarrassing relationship.

Sadly, when his friends discovered the web page they started laughing at the girl, so she felt really bullied. Even more, someone told her about the web page and this shock almost destroyed her. She had never felt so depressed.

At this point, she decided to lose weight as a way to reconstruct her life. Little by little, she recovered her smile and her self-esteem. Everybody was surprised about her new look, and her relationships became better and better. Even the nasty teenager and his friends tried to get on well again with her, but she refused to start a new relationship with them. She said that it was too late and supposedly, friends help you when it is needed, when times get tough.

In the end, the girl tried to help boys and girls who were living a similar situation as she had.

3. Title: "Suffering Beauty".

The main character:

Lucile, a beautiful Greek girl who was bullied physically and mentally.

The story:

Lucile was 15 years old and she had been bullied. She was tall, slim and gorgeous. At the beginning, her life was pleasant at school because she enjoyed studying and had a lot of friends. However, her family had problems: her brother drank too much alcohol. Despite this, her mother was able to cope with those dramatic situations and take care of her children.

One day, her mother fell sick and died. Lucile stayed with her father who met another woman and they got married. They moved to another house and Lucile had to study in a new school.

That was when her first symptoms of depression appeared. At school, Lucile's new classmates mocked her all the time and no one wanted to be her friend. Consequently, she was left alone all the time.

Then, she received some rude and disgusting messages, but Lucile didn't say anything to anybody and everyday she was closing herself off more and more.

At home, to make things worse, her brother became violent because he carried on drinking. This situation made Lucile feel desperate, broken and miserable.

Thankfully and unexpectedly, some new students joined the class. They also just arrived to the school and looked for Lucile's friendship. Through their conversations they realized that all of them had had similar dreadful experiences, so they felt a deep sympathy for each other. For the first time, after many disgraceful events, Lucile could feel relieved thanks to the empathy of her new friends.

Feeling good and giving emotional care among them was a constant for the new group, so they were able to enjoy their shared trust and happiness together.

4. Title: “Wealthy Frustration”.

The main character:

Jonathan, a 15 year old boy. His family was very wealthy. He was trying to communicate with his parents, but they ignored him.

(Some photos may be used in order to show the environment where the story happened. Through those pictures the audience would be able to see better that Jonathan’s parents didn’t understand him).

The story:

One day, Jonathan saw a couple of teenagers holding hands and hugging in the park. Their names were Oliver and Samantha. The twist was that Jonathan was unable to express his feelings, but was secretly in love with Samantha. So he felt jealous and he couldn’t think about anything else except now to destroy that lovely relationship.

A few days later, Jonathan decided to steal Oliver’s credentials on Facebook, his identity, his nickname and password, so he could change his profile. The first thing he did was post extremely flirty messages to girls, even using certain erotic expressions in some of the entries and comments.

This heinous strategy worked, so the lover’s relationship was in trouble and they had arguments and in consequence. As a result, they split up. Samantha was suffering a lot with this outrageous issue and Oliver wasn’t able to convince her of his innocence.

The ex-couple was fighting, insulting each other in the street, at school and on Facebook.

Eventually, Samantha’s friend told her the truth, so she could finally understand everything that had happened.

Then, Jonathan was expelled from the school and his new situation made him feel depressed. He received the help from a therapist, but he had continuous quarrels with his parents who couldn’t understand that new conflictive behaviour of their child.

As a result, sadly Jonathan committed suicide. Meanwhile, true love and understanding won, joining Samantha and Oliver again.

(Please: Don’t tell the end of the story to the students, so they could guess how it could finish by themselves)