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Project WAYNA®

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During the last seven years, Fundación Semilla (www.fundacionsemilla.cl) has developed the "Leaders for Non-Violence" program directed to young people. Our challenge was to address the classroom in an innovative and creative way to tackle violence issues in a replicable and broadening manner to produce worldwide impact.

IDEMAX (www.idemax.cl), a creative and innovative platform for business with experience in game development (www.juegogranjeros.cl) and project-based learning methodologies (www.tinkertrak.cl) was tasked to approach this educational challenge from a design and innovation point of view.

For the past two years, our common interests and joint capabilities led us to collaborate passionately generating awareness about this important issue. The result is WAYNA®, a ludic-pedagogical tool based on game methodology directed to 11-year-old students and up, teachers and educational assistants. This project is based on the conceptualization of "Peacefully Living with Others" as the antonym of violence by addressing comprehensively inherent causes to violence within school environments.

Furthermore, this pedagogical tool comprehends six board games that undertake the main causes and motivations for violent behavior, many of which are "invisible" at the present time as they have become normalized among students, teachers, and communities; the first two (out of the six) games are aim to develop emotional literacy by learning how to recognize emotions and acquiring the necessary vocabulary to verbalize these emotions. The next two games are designed to promote empathy by generating perspective and placing oneself in the situation of another. Finally, in the last two games players have to recognize their own prejudices and those from their cultural and social environment to learn the value of diversity.

WAYNA® seeks to develop skills and enhance the capacity to understand one's own emotions and prejudices, as well as in others and in the social environment. Thus, this pedagogical tool will help improve relationships and **contribute to a "Peacefully Living with Others" culture**, in school settings and in every day life.

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