



Pigeons

I have seen and admired a flock of white pigeons fed on paddy grain and praised for their beauty. But it is not only a flock of white pigeons, as there is also a black one hiding in a corner. It appears to have been spurned and driven out of its flock. This makes me think about HIV-infected people who are also spurned, discriminated against and shunned, even seriously insulted, because in many people's opinion, HIV only infects people with promiscuous lifestyles.

Often HIV-infected people do not really know what to do, except stand alone and view the outside world with regret for one careless mistake.

Viet Nam

Together You Stand Strong

At my school, together with three other girls, I placed the HIV/AIDS epidemic on the agenda. HIV/AIDS is also common here in Western countries and it's still taboo to talk about it. We tried to break this taboo by organising a theme day, in which we focused on the issue in a lot of different ways.

After the theme day students raised money for the fight against HIV/AIDS. We raised 22,000 Euros and showed that as a school if you want to reach your goal, you must stand strong together. We didn't save the whole world from HIV/AIDS but we did show that as young people we can make a meaningful contribution and that every contribution counts.

Netherlands

