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Embracing Our Differences is Adapted in Israel

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Embracing Our Differences has been embraced in Israel with the exhibit "Different Together" in Jaffa.



One World by Pranab Basak, Kolkata, India

Since 2004, [Embracing Our Differences](#) has asked international artists, students and educators to create statements of diversity and acceptance in its annual public art exhibitions on the Sarasota bayfront and eventually on Bradenton's Riverwalk, displaying 39 billboard-sized works of art and accompanying quotes. This year, the concept was adapted in Israel with the Different Together exhibit in Jaffa, featuring works created by Israeli students promoting tolerance and empathy. Eight Sarasota County high school students (members of the EOD-sponsored Co-Existence Clubs) attended the opening, witnessing firsthand Israel's diverse multicultural reality. Dr. Paul Gallagher, assistant principal of Riverview High School, who accompanied the students, says, "I heard students from vastly different cultures tell each other that, despite their differences, they wanted the same thing—a better world to live and thrive in." Embracing Our Differences' 2016 exhibit in Sarasota's Bayfront Park will open March 29, 2016.