

Call Me Auntie: Student and Teacher Reflections

Kinga Grabska: My opinion about Roma has changed. Now I know that they are like us. At the same time, I admire them for trying not to think about this and show everyone that they are not like others think they are despite the fact that stereotypes are really deeply rooted. We are to blame for weak results of this battle with stereotypes because we can't see real personality when we believe in stereotypes and judge people superficially.

Aleksandra: Mrs. Inga changed the way we perceive Roma people and freed us from stereotypes transmitted from generation to generation. Thanks to Mrs. Inga, people see that every human is equal and everybody deserves respect regardless of their beliefs, colour of the skin, or their origin. It is equally important that thanks to our Unsung Hero, Roma children don't finish education on the first or the second grade and more easily find themselves in the society. Getting to know Mrs. Inga freed me from false perceptions of Roma people and gave me hope for a better society, which will be free from stereotypes.

Natalia Wróbel: Personally, I admire Mrs. Inga. A woman who has a family, several children, and work, and has still time to fight for change. Looking at the number of people who Mrs. Inga has helped, she has succeeded. I know many people who, following public opinion and judging Roma people wrongly, have never even thought about being in touch with them. I deeply appreciate Mrs. Inga's personality. I met her for the first time during the "Living Library" project. After meeting with Mrs. Inga and getting to know her accomplishments I can say that it is my authority.

Grazyna Stelmach (teacher): For me, Mrs. Inga is that kind of person who does things absolutely needed to fight against stereotypes. Moreover, she is lovely and outgoing. I think that thanks to her we have the ability to look on Roma and their culture in a different way.