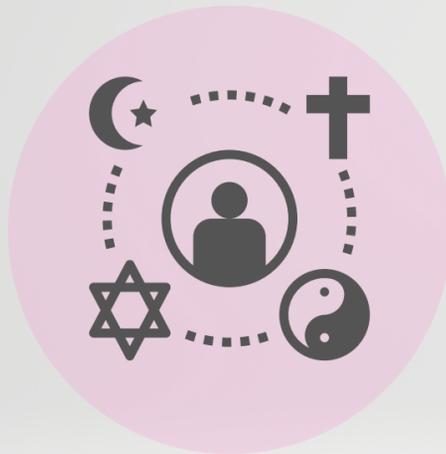


RELIGION, DISABILITIES AND OTHER MINORITIES

Concrete plans and ideas

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RELIGIONS



Nowadays it is not as common as in the past to find many religious people. Depending on the religion, I have seen people getting judged because of what they believe. I may be an atheist, but I still know that it's completely unfair. Buddhists, muslims, jews, christians, hindus... They all have such antique and rich cultures. Stereotypes cause a lot of harm and I believe that we should pay more attention to these minorities. It would be great to make religious people feel represented by promoting artists and musics from different religions and it would also help to make people conscious about how unfair it is to judge other people's beliefs. I would love to organize workshops based on this, so underrepresented people could get more attention.

DISABILITIES

This is another one of the always forgotten minorities. So many people suffer from disabilities; sometimes it is invisible to the eye, and sometimes it's quite clear. Sometimes it's physical and sometimes it's mental. What I know is, these people have a courage and strength that I have always admired and looked up to. In the music industry there are some underrepresented figures that suffer from different types of disabilities. My proposal this time is quite similar to the one above: organizing workshops and academic events where we can promote incredible musicians that deserve more recognition, and remind people that judging and excluding someone because of their disability is a completely horrible thing to do. It is time that the minorities inside of the minorities also get more attention.



OTHER MINORITIES

I have been thinking on where to include this last thing but I wasn't quite sure, so I figured that I would just put it here: Body Image. I would consider people that don't have a standard body type also a minority that's HUGELY discriminated against. So many of our students have insecurities and self-esteem problems because of this. I feel like apart from being a welfare officer focus, it should also be considered here. I would love to promote campaigns that fight against being judged by something as natural as our bodies.

