

The "I Love My Sun-2" Event concerns the Public Outreach activities performed under the COST ES0803 Working Group 3 "Exploitation, Dissemination, Education, Outreach" Action:

- SG 3.1: Upgrade of the European Space Weather Portal
- SG 3.2: Dissemination of advanced scientific and technical results
- SG 3.3: Seminar and training courses
- SG 3.4: General public outreach to the non-specialist [Yurdanur Tulunay, SG 3.4 Lead]

This Event is an European outreach activity concerning space weather and the Sun as perceived by school children in the age group 7-11 years old. The initial idea was to have children with autism spectrum disorder and children with no autism spectrum disorder draw pictures of the Sun before and after hearing a lecture about the Sun. In the current proposal this has been extended to any type of class and school (public school, private school).

Main objectives of the "I Love My Sun-2" Event:

- Make children aware of Space Weather, Sun, Sun-Earth relations and of how they, the children, are part of this global picture.
- Investigate if this exercise can lead to novel ways of approaching children with autism spectrum disorder.

An "I Love My Sun" Event is divided into three parts:

- [1.] The students are asked to draw a picture of the Sun as they perceive it.
- [2.] A lecture about the Sun is given.
- [3.] The students are again asked to draw a picture of the Sun.

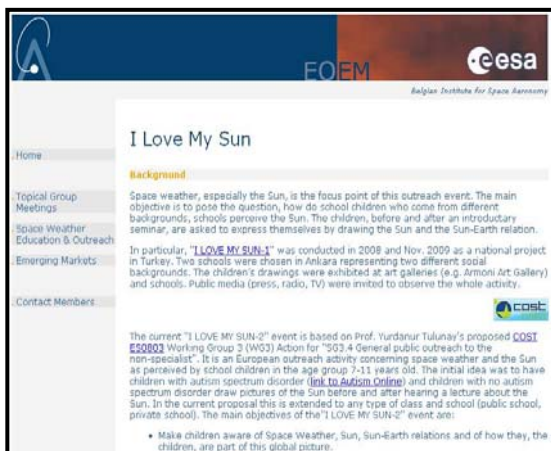
"I Love My Sun" Exhibition

The Exhibition is based on two "I Love My Sun" events, one held in Turkey and the other one in Belgium.

Event 1: Yurdanur Tulunay from METU held an "I Love My Sun" Event at the private school Baskent Universitesi Kolej Ayseabla Okullari in Ankara, Turkey on 22 March 2010.

Event 2: Stijn Calders from BIRA-IASB held an "I Love My Sun" Event at the public observatory Urania in Antwerp, Belgium on 2 October 2010.

The Before and After pictures of these two Events are displayed here. Have a look and have fun identifying the differences.



Enjoy the Exhibition !

For more information about "I Love My Sun" and how you can participate in this initiative go to the "I Love My Sun" web-page:

<http://eoem.aeronomie.be/LoveMySun.htm>

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