



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2014

BERGE KANIKANIAN

Berge has learning disabilities. Berge has done a lot of important work helping other people to understand what people with disabilities need. In one of the places where he worked Berge was bullied because he was different. A man was cruel to him and did silly things like pulling his hat off, he thought that it was alright to do these things just because Berge had learning disabilities. Berge was very sensible, he told the police about what the man was doing, because bullying is wrong and Berge knew you should always tell someone if you are being bullied. The police stopped the man from bullying Berge.

One day Berge was on a training day for his work learning how to be a leader. He met Penny, she knew about the Holocaust and told Berge about the cruel things that the Nazis did to people with disabilities. The Nazis decided that people who were disabled should be killed. The Nazis killed over 250,000 disabled people in a programme they called T4.

Berge wanted other people to know about the cruel things that had happened so that they would know how bad it was and know never to do something like that themselves. With Penny's help Berge did a lot of research. He went on a journey to visit the place where the Nazis killed the people. Berge made a film so that everyone can learn what he learned.

Berge knows that being cruel to people because they are different is wrong, it does not matter if it is a small act like pulling off someone's hat, or a big act like killing a person: it is wrong. Berge wants everyone to know this. He hopes that when people understand that it is OK to be different there will be more opportunities for people with disabilities.





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This is a picture of Berge visiting a place where the Nazis killed people with disabilities:



The Nazis thought that because people with disabilities were different they are not important and should be killed. Berge works to let people know that people with disabilities are important and can do lots of things.

