



Krembo Wings

A youth movement for children and youth with and without disabilities

Krembo Wings is the only inclusive youth movement in Israel that brings together children and youth with and without disabilities for weekly social and informal educational activities. Our unique model of inclusion was originally designed to create a place where children with disabilities could meet with their peers as equal members of a youth movement. As the years passed, we understood that inclusion means creating a meaningful place for all children. Many children in Israel grow up lonely, unable to identify or connect with other children, and fail to thrive in more traditional youth movements settings. At Krembo Wings, we instill in our members values of respect and appreciation for others. Our members see beyond disabilities and instead concentrate on nurturing the unique abilities of everyone in the branch.

Our members hail from every corner of Israeli society; kids with and without disabilities, religious and secular, Muslim, Bedouin, Druze, Christian and Jewish, kids from the periphery, and kids from urban centers.

For more than twenty years, Krembo Wings members have been leading change across society, helping to change perceptions and stereotypes and create opportunities for people with disabilities. Our mission is to build a world in which children and youth of any ability fully actualize their right to development, inclusion, and visibility. Together, we strive to create an inclusive and accessible society where every child can feel a sense of belonging and meaningfulness.

Our youth movement ideology is based on 6 core basic values:

- I Love – “Love your fellow as yourself” - We are all unique individuals who deserve mutual respect and love.
- I am a Friend – I hear you, I see you and I appreciate you.
- I am a Leader – I am committed, responsible and able to take on a leadership role.
- I am Israeli - Krembo Wings was founded in Israel, based on Israeli values of mutual responsibility, and helping the other.
- I Can – we all have unique abilities, and we are all capable of contributing to society.
- I Belong – I want to live in a shared society where I am included and include others and feel a sense of belonging.

Krembo Wings in numbers

- 95 branches across Israel
- 9,000 members
- 40,000 graduates





- 500 accessible vehicles transport our members with disabilities to weekly activities
- 4 joint living National Service Programs Centers

Activities

- Weekly social meetings including arts and crafts, group games, educational and social activities adapted so every participant, regardless of ability can find meaning and purpose in the activity.
- Weekly branch training and enrichment sessions.
- Nationwide training and seminars for our dedicated teenage counselors and participants.

Special events

- Participation in community events
- Hikes and outdoor activities
- 3-day residential summer camp for members and their families
- Annual delegation to Poland.

Our special events are carefully planned and executed to be accessible and enjoyable for all our members. We believe that these events create the “Krembo spirit”, the sense of belonging to a unique youth organization where every child can find a meaningful place; can express their self; be amongst their peers and where their individual contribution to the group is valued.

Socio-Educational Knowledge Center

Krembo Wings has developed a unique educational model for inclusion and belonging. Our model connects children and youth with and without disabilities, from all corners of society, into a social framework based on equity and acceptance. We believe that this model can, and should be, transferred to formal education, the workplace, and the community. The Krembo Wings’ Socio-Educational Knowledge Center works closely with the Ministry of Education and local municipalities throughout Israel. The Center offers professionals a toolbox for creating an inclusive and accepting environment in the nursery, classroom, and workplace.

Special advisor status to the U.N.

The United Nations has, since 2018, chosen Krembo Wings to be a special advisory organization, recognizing the youth movement as a world leader in integrating children and youth with and without disabilities in empowering social activities.

Leaders of the future

Krembo Wings’ members are a future generation of young leaders, capable of creating social change and helping to create a more just, inclusive, and tolerant society for us all.

