

A kid entrepreneur comes up with an app. Check out Minor Mynas!



Hilary Yip. Photo Credit: The Loop HK

There are some groups around the world that encourage children to problem solve and to come up with real world solutions for issues that they face. We recently found a story on BBC, about a young teenage girl from Hong Kong who came up with an innovative way for children to learn languages from each other. Take a look to see what she came up with!

Minor Mynas is a unique chat application that helps children around the world connect and learn each other's languages through live video calls where they can learn the language in a fun environment with no pressure.

Why is this unique? That's easy! Because it is an app designed for kids by a kid!

Hilary Yip is a 13 year old from Hong Kong. She is also the CEO of Minor Mynas. She won the 2015 AIA Emerging Entrepreneur awards for her creation. This is a program that encourages young people to become entrepreneurs. An entrepreneur is someone who comes up with new solutions for issues that they see.

Why did she create this app? Hilary wanted to enable children around the world to communicate, chat, and make friends across the borders.

She feels that children are more open than adults, and that communication can lead to a world with fewer cultural misunderstandings. She says, "I definitely feel that it is easier for kids to get along than adults. In an adult's world there are tons of things about race, gender and other stereotypes. But for kids, everyone is just a kid." She hopes that this app will help the younger generation build bridges of friendships.

Since its launch 9 months ago, the app already has more than 4000 users from 20 countries. That's pretty impressive!

Keeping the safety of children in mind, it has built-in parental control settings making it a safe environment for children to freely interact.

Why the name Minor Mynas?

Minor: It is an app designed by a young entrepreneur for children to use.

Myna: It is an Asian bird that can learn words easily, like a parrot.

Quotable Quote! Hillary's philosophy for her success is: "If you don't believe in your own idea, then you won't get anyone else to believe in it - no matter how hard you try."



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