

Logbook from Henriette

Friday, 24th November 2017

We met at 7:45 o'clock in the auditorium and some students from K2 showed us, how to have a debate and what our debate next tuesday is supposed to look like. On the one hand it was highly interesting, but on the other hand it made me quite nervous as I'm very afraid to talk English in front of many people. After the debate we split up into groups, in which we had to act for the following week. My team was "Team Yogurt" and our group members were Nora, Lukas and me ,the Germans, Ellinoora from Finland and Kaisa from Estonia. Together we attended some workshops about debating. We played games to get to know each other and to become more acquainted with English. In the beginning I was a little anxious to talk, as I had deselected English in school and so I hadn't spoken it in 4 months. However after a while I began to realise that the others would understand me, even if I made some mistakes and I became more comfortable. The workshops were a lot of fun especially because my team was so cool! Afterwards we had to draw lots regarding our theme for the week. My team had to do the brochure, and I was a quite happy as I really like to write reports and because I wouldn't have to participate in a debate in front of so many people.

After lunch we had a sport session, so we played table tennis, volleyball and basketball. It was very good way to get to know the others better.

After the sport session Lukas, an engineer, arrived and lectured us about a project and a machine that's able to measure fine dust pollution all over the world.

After this presentation we went home, very tired!

Saturday, 25th November 2017

We met up at the bus station in Nellingen and visited the Daimler Museum. There wasn't a lot of information about air pollution, but our guests got to know how important cars are for the Germans. Furthermore, it's very interesting to learn about the evolution of the car. During the visit we performed interviews with the other groups for our brochure. After the museum we played Mister X in real life. It was very difficult to explain our guests the German train system, as in Finland and Estonia there are only two or three trains connecting big cities. That was also a reason why it was very difficult to integrate Elli and Kaisa and to catch Mister X. In addition, the weather was very bad so it was a little exhausting to play this game. After two hours a team caught Mister X.

In the evening I invited Johannes, Leonie and Hannah over and they arrived with their partners. We played some games together, and it was a very nice evening.

Sunday, 26th November 2017

The most important thing on this day: Getting to sleep in! We had breakfast

at 11 o'clock!

After breakfast we went ice skating. It was the first time standing on ice for the Italians, but they did fairly well. Katja my partner from Finland was very happy because in Germany she was considered one of the best, whilst in Finland she wasn't, so she was very content with herself.

After lunch at home I had oboe lessons, so Katja went bowling with the other people from Erasmus. I joined them little bit later but to conclude: it was a very nice evening!

Monday, 27th November 2017

The Germans had a normal school day, whilst the guests went to Stuttgart and got a guided tour through the city about air pollution. In the afternoon we prepared our brochure, and performed some interviews.

In the evening we baked some cookies, that was great and a good variety to our work process. At home Katja prepared her speech and I studied biology and chemics.

Tuesday, 28th November 2017

The end of our project: the debates. The two debates were a big success and everybody was satisfied with our project! After a longer break, we went to the Christmas market in Esslingen. It was a very nice conclusion and our guests fell in love with Germany. After the market we had to say goodbye to our guests. It was very sad and I hope I will see them again someday.

Wednesday, 28th November 2017

Saying goodbye to the Finish people. The dismissal was soooooo sad, but the good thing is, I'm going to Finland in February, so I will see these wonderful people one more time. After the tears had flowed I said "see you soon" and went back to my classes.

Summary

Overall, the Erasmus+Project was the absolutely best project I've ever done. It's not a normal exchange, it was very extraordinary. Working together in international teams was a very nice experience, and together we were successful. I'm very thankful that I had the chance to be a part of this project and I hope many young people can get the possibility to have these experiences, like me.