

Erasmus+ "Work in progress – My logbook"

Jana Süptitz

(Name)

Friday, 24th November 2017

In the morning we met the other **Erasmus +** students in the auditorium of our school at 7⁴⁵. After a short address of welcome from our headmaster Mr. Lietzau, we got a overview about the programme for the next week as well as a introduction to our project work "How to make our cities more breathable".

Therefore we saw a model **debate** presented by the 12th graders from our school.

After that we got separated in our working teams. We called us team **GIFE** (Germany, Italia, Finland, Estonia). Together we had some debating workshops.

After eating lunch in our cafeteria all participants played volleyball, basketball and table tennis together. In the afternoon we heard a presentation about self-made sensors for air pollution.

At home Kaisa and I played Uno and Qwirkle. In the evening we went to a burger restaurant for having dinner in an international group.

We were six girls (three Germans, one Estonian, one Finn and one Italian).

This was as well a good opportunity to exchange informations about the topics

"air pollution in Stuttgart", "ban of cars from city centres" and the "importance of the car industry here".

Our **project plan** for the following days looks like that:

- until Sunday everybody has to search for informations and collect arguments
- on Monday we will structure our arguments together, write speeches and decide who's going to talk in the discussion
- on Tuesday morning (before the debates) we will practice our speeches

Now our project can finally start.

I'm looking forward to the following week.

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Saturday, 25th November 2017

Today we were visiting the "Daimler Museum" in Stuttgart. It was very interesting and very helpful for our project to debate on the statement "This house believes that cars should be banned from city centres".

We learned a lot about the tradition of car industry in Stuttgart. But we also got to know about the disadvantages of it, e.g. a lot of traffic, polluted air and a noisy city centre.

While the ensuing Mr. x game we realized that there's a true alternative to the own car: public transport. All in all we had the feeling that the public transport system is quite good and reliable. Usually the trains and busses were punctual, nevertheless there's still a lot to be done until public transport can replace cars.

All in all it was a cool day even though it was a bit a pity that we couldn't visit the TV tower.



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Sunday, 26th November 2017

In the morning I was searching for a few arguments for our debate on Tuesday.

Our strongest arguments are that if we banned cars from city centres:

- we could reduce fine-particles (which is good for health)
- we would have more space for park areas (photosynthesis → air gets better)
- we could reduce car accidents and terrorism (for example Nice, France)
- the city would be quieter

After that we were visiting "Schloss Liechtenstein", a cave called "Nebelhöhle" and the museum "Ritter Sport".

In the evening we played bowling with all the other participants in the Erasmus+ project.



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Jana Saplitz
(Name)**Monday, 27th November 2017**

Until 15³⁰ all Germans had school lessons. At the same time our guests had a guided tour in Stuttgart to the topic "Air pollution in Stuttgart and solutions". They were informed about the problem of Stuttgart's location in a mountain basin and about the problem with the old diesel cars.

In school the GIFE group were collecting and structuring all the argument we have found in the internet or during the last days. We also decided who is going to talk in the debate tomorrow.

This was a little problem at first because only two of us wanted to take part in the debate. But in the end we decided that Ken will be our first speaker, I will be the second one and Leonie will be the third one.

After the preparation time we baked German Christmas cookies, which was a lot of fun for all of us.



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(Name)

Tuesday, 28th November 2017

In the morning we had some practice time, in which we took the last steps. After that we listened to the first debate on the topic "Should fresh air be a human right".

After a short brake (with coffee, cake and "Brezen") we had the debate by our own. Everything went well: in the end it was a good debate with convincing arguments on both sides.

In the evening we visited the Christmas market in Esslingen.

To put it in a nutshell I can say, that it was an amazing week, full of moments I don't want to miss. I'm very happy that I had decided to take part at this project and can't wait to go to Finland in February.

