

## Documentation Wednesday

We met each other at the school at 8.15 am. After that we took the train to Palma and walked to the university.

We arrived and listened to a presentation about fake news:

The presentation was taken by three female journalists who worked for a Spanish TV channel. They have a company which helps small institutions with their press department and website.

All of them spoke Spanish but there was a translator which repeated everything in English.

The journalists told us that it has never been easier to spread fake news because of all the online websites and newspapers and social media. Manipulating of facts has often financial, political and economic interests.

There are four techniques that are used by people and institutions that want to spread fake news:

1. distraction (important news are not the headline news)
2. «It is absolutely necessary we have to do this.»
3. use emotions
4. use complicated words which nobody understands

There are three techniques you have to use to check facts:

1. confirming ( find other sources )
2. checking (find certain sources)
3. telling everybody the truth

There are some advantages and disadvantages of social media. One of the most important advantages is that even small companies are able to get many followers and consumers. And: «(...) everyone has become a journalist now.» That means, we have to check facts and news by ourselves.

But: We, as the consumers have the responsibility not to believe everything we see, read and hear.

After the presentation we walked to the train station to travel back to the city centre of Palma.

We met all our exchange students at 12 o' clock, walked to the cathedral, spent some time in it and took a group picture.

At 1.30 pm we got separated in different groups and did a small rallye.

After that we met at a square and we were given 5 euros.

From 2.30 pm and on we had free time and spent the day as we wanted to.

Written by Vanessa, Benedict and Pauline