

Students' experiences and expressions

Throughout the project period 2018-2020

Projects were interesting. I think that environment and democracy are both very important themes for students and the world as well.

I liked the trip to Finland more than the trip to Greece because I am more interested in environment than democracy but in Greece we had more fun with friends. It was exciting to see the sights of both countries. My vocabulary improved a lot within those two weeks and I gathered more courage to speak in English.

I had two friendly host families. I saw Finnish and Greek culture differences. Schools were also different. They differed in design and ways of learning. I would say that school in Finland was more innovative than schools in Greece and Estonia. I brought with me a broader understanding of different cultures.

A project trip to Finland increased my interest in the environment. I arranged as practical work in school an environment week and I volunteer in long-term environmental projects in the community as well.



Carmen Pajuste

In the beginning I was very scared to go to Portugal, but when we got there, the people were very welcoming. The nature and landscape there was very beautiful. And the street art in Lisbon was very cool.



It was interesting to learn about other cultures. Staying in families helped us to learn about the Portuguese. Also I improved my English skills.

This trip helped me to realise that graffiti isn't always only scribbles, but it can also be beautiful art.

Jaagup Martin Paenurm

I had no idea that our garbage was being shipped to Finland so that they could burn it and turn it into an alternative for fossil fuel, absolutely amazing. And it wasn't just about making it in that factory, the whole city of Vaasa was involved with the project, namely they had (some) public transport buses running solely on that gas. I only came to know about it when I asked my host about the different bus stop signs, there were yellow signs for the biogas buses.



It is very important to find ways of recycling any kind of garbage so that it isn't thrown into our oceans or piled into the forests. Just burning it is not a solution either because of the gas emissions.

I was a bit unsure at first when host families were mentioned but it was no problem at all, I fit right in and we shared many laughs.

It was quite sad to say goodbye at the end of the week. Fortunately, we kept in touch and I got to see them again last autumn. I loved their school, it seemed that fine arts and crafts were as highly regarded as other subjects and it wasn't just classrooms they had, there were whole laboratories for chemistry, big kitchens for cooking classes and a very well equipped handicraft room. During classes we weren't just sitting and listening, we got to make things with our own hands. Overall it was a trip full of wonders and very much enjoyable.

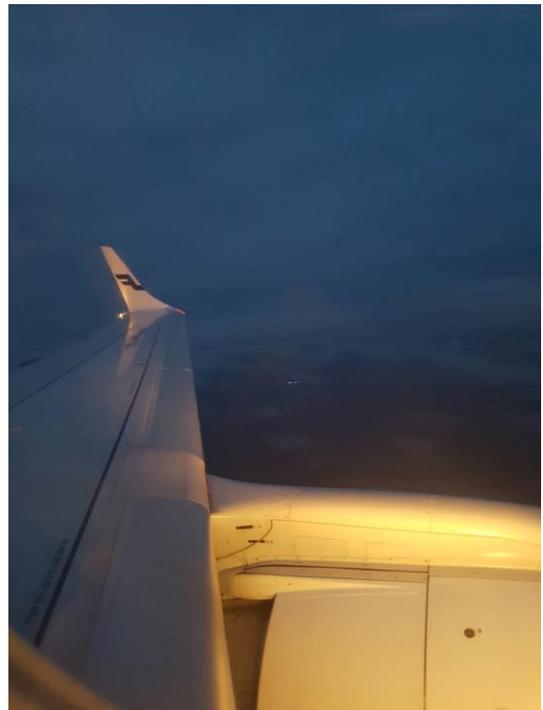
Joanna Roopa

I learned a lot during our trip to Portugal. I got to practice speaking in English, which helped me a lot in the long run. I learned a lot about Portugal's culture and the way of life there. I also learned a lot about art and self-expression.

The experience has helped me understand and value other cultures more. It has changed the way I view and experience art. The people there (especially my host family) were so nice and welcoming.

It has inspired me to be a better person. The trip only solidified my want to be an artist in the future.

Ulna Semiletov





It was a great experience and I'm happy I got the opportunity to go and meet these amazing students from other countries. I really enjoyed this week in Portugal. I had a chance to practice speaking and communicating better as well. This is something I'm really grateful for.

I learned a lot and I'm more clear about what I think and what really matters in life. I enjoyed these trips too, that was really good for us to get better knowing each other. Nature was pretty and it was interesting to look out of windows when seeing hills and houses on them.

My host family was really nice and It was easy to talk to them when something was up. This week in Portugal was good for all of us and I hope other students and teachers had good time too.

Eliisa Helene Mäeväli

This project was the first project I took part in. Therefore, I have nothing to compare it to. I was surprised at how interesting it was to do the project activities.

Because of my participation in this project, I made new nice friends from different countries. I got new ideas to use in my work. I was able to practice English.

I went with students to Vaasa, Finland, and to Mafra, Portugal.

While in Vaasa the topic of the project was related to my field (mathematics and physics), in Mafra the topic was art. Preparing for the project meeting and researching the topics also broadened my horizons.

Many thanks to the teachers of both schools - all the activities were very thoughtful, interesting and related to the topic of the project.

I am very sorry that the last meeting of the project in Estonia was canceled due to the Covid-19 virus.



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