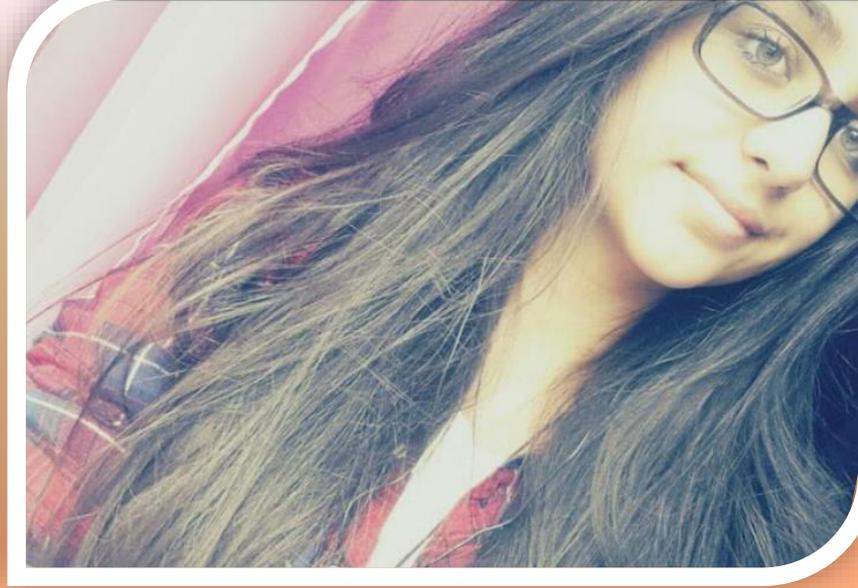


# E4U (EUROPE FOR YOU) 2015/2016





✿TUESDAY✿



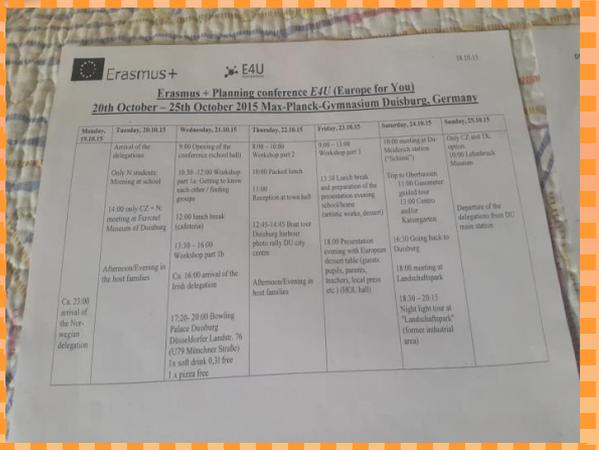
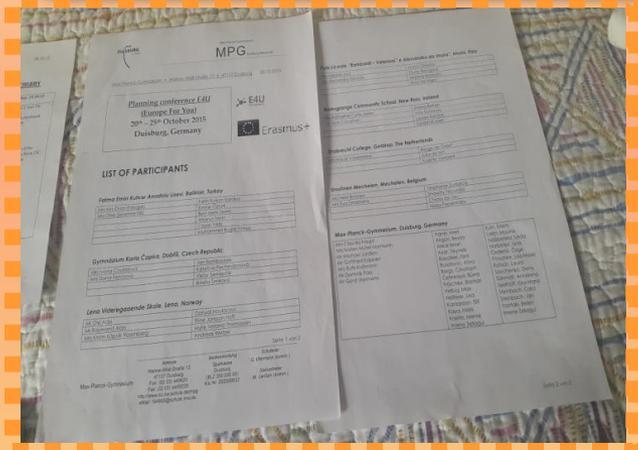
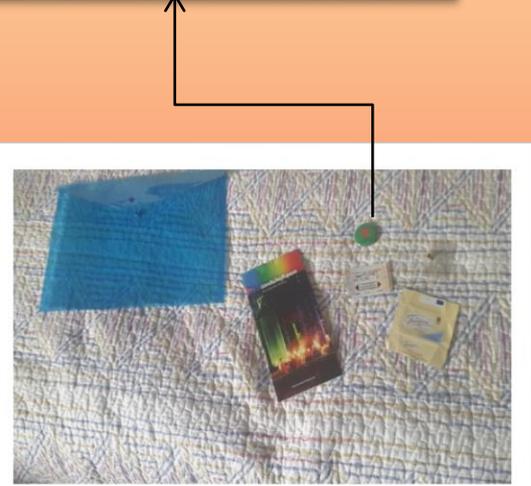
For Tuesday 20th I have chosen the photos above because the morning and the afternoon Giulia, Anna, Silvia and me were traveling to Duisburg - Germany.

The girl in the photo is Ozge, who hosted me and Anna during the conference, she is 13 years old and she has Turkish origin.

When we arrived, she was waiting with her parents at the train station to welcome us, it was very kind of them. She has a very large detached house on three floors and she has two rabbits called Minki and Tapsi. Most likely she will be here in Italy in April although it is not certain yet. I quickly made friends with her, even if she is a little bit shy. Her parents were very kind and helpful with us.

In the afternoon we spoke of this and that ,to get to know each other, then we had dinner around 16.30 ,as it is normal for the Germans to have dinner so early. Then we started our visit to the town.

It was very nice to realise we had no problems in communicating.



★ WEDNESDAY ★

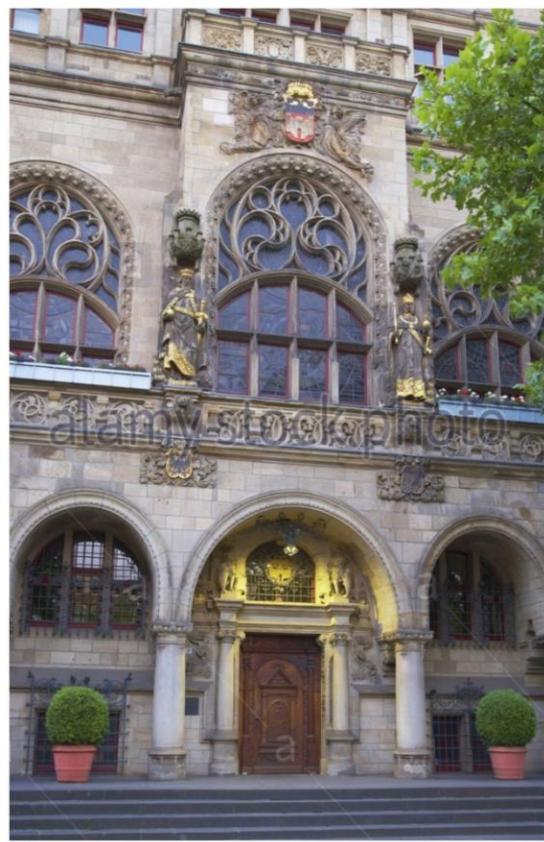
On Wednesday, we went to school for the opening conference and we introduced ourselves.

We were given all the material concerning the programme and some little gifts.

Later the teachers sorted all the students into the groups for the workshops. We were chosen for the music workshop. It was easy to get involved and make friends with the lot. We were a bit worried as we thought we were neither able to sing or play a musical instrument. But we succeeded in enjoying the activity.

We had lunch in the school cafeteria and in the afternoon we went on with the workshop activity.

In the evening we enjoyed the bowling activity, a good choice.



♥THURSDAY♥



Thursday morning we were at school for a short time, and then we went to the town hall where we all signed a book and the mayor welcomed us and gave us a pin with the coat of arms of the city.

In the afternoon we went on a boat tour. A nice and different point of view to see the town.

Later the four of us and Silvia's host went gathered at Ozge's house to prepare the cake for the next evening: Little balls of coconut and chocolate.



\*FRIDAY\*



Friday we stayed at school most of the day to rehearse for the evening performance. At the party in fact we showed and saw all the presentations of the eight partner schools together with the results of the three workshops.

For our workshop performance we played tubes of different colours with different sounds; then a Norwegian and an Irish girl sang «Hallelujah» and we did the chorus, then all together we sang «Take me to Church». At the end boys and girls divided into two choirs: we sang a very short song «a cappella». That was great!

We could taste all the dishes that the pupils had prepared for the occasion in the afternoon.







The Centre was opened in 1996 and it was expanded several times and now it has 220 shops. It is so big that it could contain 14 football fields!

✻ SATURDAY ✻



On Saturday, we went to visit the Gasometer in Oberhausen.

The Gasometer Oberhausen is a former gas holder in Oberhausen which has been converted into an exhibition space.

I took a lot of photos because the paintings and photographs were beautiful. The guide showed us those on the subject of women and death.

Then we went into a dark room where the roof and the walls were decorated with lights that moved creating optical illusions and it was beautiful. Unfortunately we couldn't take videos or photos.

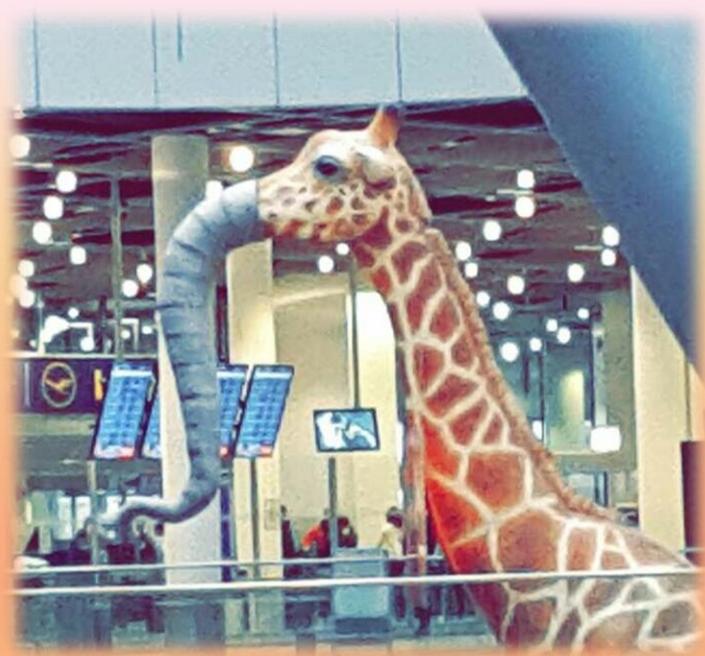
On a glass lift and we went up to the top of the building measuring 117 meters, so we saw the whole city from above.

In the afternoon we went shopping in one of the largest shopping centers in Europe: it was great and I bought a lot of gifts for my family.

In the evening we returned to Duisburg and visited the Landschaftspark and from the top of the building we saw the city by night.

Then the guide gave us torches to walk through the darkness and we were all terrified that something caught fire.

At some point, we made a very fast slide and it was very enjoyable. The visit was exciting and I must say it was great also because we could spend time all together. Unfortunately late evening we had to say goodbye to everyone. The conference was nearly over!



✦ SUNDAY ✦



On Sundays we left and I brought home some gifts from my hosting family. I really appreciated their hospitality and the kindness they showed us.

I think these kind of experience help us to feel more European and certainly they create a stronger link with people throughout Europe. I personally feel more confident with my skills in communication.

**MANY THANKS TO THE FAMILIES, THE TEACHERS and THE SCHOOL WHO DID EVERYTHING TO WELCOME US and MADE US FEEL AT EASE.**