



OUR MINISTAY IN POLAND

7th to 15th March, 2015

It was a great idea for the European Community to start a new period of exchanges with Erasmus+ KA2. I have just come back from the second ministay held in the Polish town of Tarnowskie Gory for a week involving the 6 countries of the project "Volunteering is our job".

It was a long journey to reach the place, but it was worth it.



The Polish school welcomed us in the friendliest way and was able to make us feel at home from the first moments on.

We felt part of a group that liked working together and sharing experiences. Everything was arranged in detail and with the cooperation of the entire Polish school staff. Our students hosted by Polish families were treated as sons or daughters by them and as brothers or sisters by their host friends.



The entire group of about 60 people including host students and teachers and the teams from the other 5 countries became closer and closer while working together at the different activities of the project, playing games, doing sports, dancing and learning Polish.

The week we spent in Poland was rich in unforgettable moments, too.

The visit at the local orphanage was a particularly touching moment with students playing with the children and giving them gifts and sweets.

Also the trip to the Concentration Camp of Auschwitz and Birkenau had a strong effect on our hearts and it is something we will keep in our minds forever.

The trip to the Salt Mine of Wieliczka with the marvellous salt engravings and statues as well as the Cathedral, the Castle and the Market Square in Krakow were amazing.

Teachers and students from different countries became a united group in a very short time and when we had to say goodbye everyone was crying, including host families.



The warm atmosphere created among students, teachers and parents enjoying time together shows how greedy the European peoples are to be one country and one people and I think that politicians who just concentrate their efforts on merely economic matters should learn from the experience of our students from 6 different countries in order to reach the goal of building the European Citizenship.

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