

ERASMUS+ 'INCLUSIVITY & MEDIA' PROJECT MEETING WEEK IN BARCELONA (January 2020)

A mixed crew of 28 dedicated students from ESO4 and BAT 1 & 2 are working and taking an active part in a multinational Erasmus+ programme within a two-year-long financed project called 'Inclusivity and Media' started last October. This is the common challenge of an EU partnership of 5 different schools whose main goal is the study of topics proposed by the European Commission to favour a better EU citizenship background. This type of projects, **KA-229, are co-financed by the European Commission.** The topic of "Inclusivity in the media" is very wide; therefore, the project development plan unfolds five different international meetings, apart from other virtual tasks and an M.U.N. event in Berlin next year.

Our school was the one to host the second meeting in the project in mid January. **The Barcelona week focused on religious diversity and inclusivity, both on a general and local scale.** During that week, 26 students and 10 teachers from our partner schools: **Tolworth Girls' School** (London - UK); **Polo Liceale G. Mazzatinti** (Gubbio - Italy); **Fördegymnasium** (Flensburg - Germany) and **Liceul Teoretic Johan Ettinger** (Satu Mare - Romania), joined in our local crew to participate in a rich and varied display of activities and tasks, such as mixed multinational research-debate-work teams, talks by experts and visits around Barcelona to see whether Barcelona (and Spain) has a more inclusive life approach thanks to the role of our religious diversity.

It was a really interesting and enriching experience, compared to other linguistic and cultural exchanges in which most of the crew have done before (Göttingen, Rodez), due to the fact that, on those exchanges, we only interacted with people from one place; whereas, on the Erasmus+ experience, we have met students from four different countries, with their own cultural features. That has resulted in a massive cultural shock. As usual, before the meeting, everyone was anxiously longing for their arrival, wondering what everything was going to be like. We can say that everyone has made an effort to help and make things easy. During their stay in Barcelona, we visited the essential 'must-see' buildings and places in the city which have a strong connection with the focus, such as La Sagrada Família, Park Güell, the Gothic Quarter, OAR office and Montserrat.

We are now working on the products our school is responsible for, a mobile app and our website www.inclusivityandmedia.com, and also starting to prepare the tasks for our third international meeting, to be held in London in late April.

Probably, the most exciting part, besides learning a lot about many things, is making new friendly relationships that will hopefully last for even longer than the specific learning content related to the project. This is human experience: enriching lives and opening minds!

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