

Erasmus Media Today

The Erasmus Media Today project took place in Netherlands, between December 4 and December 10, at the Bernardinuscollege. We had the pleasure of being hosted by Dutch families together with students from: Turkey, Italy and Poland, with whom we made good friends through the activities of the project.

The program was established by the coordinating teachers:

On Monday, the first day of the project, an impressive opening ceremony took place, in which Bernardinuscollege students performed artistic acts. This emotional moment was followed by a presentation of the week programme and assignments, after a break in the cafeteria, students got back to work and learned about "Fact based world view" by Erik Schneiders. Following lunch, students were given a tour of the host school.

On Tuesday, the program started with a course on fake news by Beata Bruggerman-Sekowska, after a break we started working on team projects. After a lot of work, we visited the Thermenmuseum, at the end of our visit we had a little time to see the city of Heerlen. In the evening at 19:00, the families with the students were called to the school to see the presentations about the schools and the cities from which the foreign students came from.

On Wednesday, the program started with a trip to the wonderful city of Maastricht, where we visited the museum of illusionism and got a guided tour. When we finished our visit, I had some free time to explore the Christmas Market.

On Thursday, the program started with a visit to Aachen, where we enjoyed the wonderful sights at the Christmas market, and continued with a guided tour of the city, and at the end of course we got some free time.

On Friday, we celebrated the right to diversity together, with the host school encouraging LGBTQI+ people through a celebration called "Purple Friday". After learning about the dangers of discrimination, the closing ceremony of the Erasmus + project took place, where the students formed teams of one student from each country and analyzed the news from each country, comparing them. After the closing ceremony, the willing students presented the projects they had prepared at home (Presenting conflicts in media - how they do it & Economy in media - the sources of financing the media).

After these presentations we visited the "Mijnmuseum" and stayed a little longer in Heerlen to enjoy the last day there.

Melania Ardelean

Feedback on the Erasmus+ project

MEDIA TODAY: WATCHDOG OR SLUMDOG?

I write to offer a feedback concerning the one-week movement to The Netherlands regarding the Erasmus+ project I took part in. From my point of view, I saw this project not only as an opportunity to accumulate valuable information about media usage and its functionality, which we learned about from professionals that held lectures about these topics, but also a way to understand the traditions, habits and history behind the beautiful Dutch culture. We delved into Dutch history in the city of Heerlen, by visiting museums and the city itself, but also by taking trips to the neighboring cities: Maastricht and Aachen. As a Romanian student I felt welcomed by the Dutch students and teachers from Bernardinus college. They made sure to incorporate each and every student from any country in the activities they prepared for us, and touched us with compassion and understanding. Overall, I saw this project as a way for me to understand the different ways of acting and thinking between our countries and a chance to create new bonds with people that come from different backgrounds, cultures, bonds that may go on as we grow in life, because we, as people are all united in the end, no matter the differences between ourselves.

Andrei Moş

My trip to Herleen was one of the most interesting and fulfilling experiences! I liked several things there but especially the people I met. I found the school very modern and different from our own, I was impressed by the Roman heritage of the town when we visited the museum in Herleen but above all I liked my Dutch friends, Tijmen and his family, who were very welcoming and friendly with me. It felt like a family away from home! I am grateful for this experience that the Erasmus programme has offered me!

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