

REFLECTION ON MY DEVELOPMENT DURING THIS PROGRAMME

REFLECTIVE JOURNAL

This Reflective Journal is a useful means for your professional development. Please take a moment to reflect personally on the programme and write a few lines everyday on your thoughts.

Possible areas of reflection: My professional development today, communication development, cultural understanding, participation in study visits and field projects, conversations and debates, talks, group work, sharing of expertise, dissemination strategies, etc.

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Date: 21st May, Sunday

After the formal presentations we had opportunity to talk to one another.

The introductory section was the best, where I could get to know and talk to many new colleagues from all over Europe in different education field, but mainly in secondary grammar schools. We talked about our schools, fields of education, students' age, and of course about our country and towns. I am glad, because my communication skill has improved a lot.

Date: 22nd May, Monday

We have a lecture about the brief history of Ireland and can get insight into the famous Irish writers' works and lives at the Trinity College Dublin. It was only a dream for me to go through the main gate and have lectures in Trinity College Dublin, when many years ago I studied a lot of literature at my university in Hungary. So, besides the literature knowledge the best thing that could happen to me was to get opportunity to be and study here, to experience the greatness and the speciality of the Trinity College.

Modern Irish writers (e.g. Roddy Doyle) have been in the focus of the presentations too, so my literacy knowledge has enlarged a lot. So, one of my aim has been becoming true.

Date: 23rd May, Tuesday

My professional development today is given through the inquiry based learning project in the workshop. I gained how to develop students' literacy skills, learning skills (critical and creative thinking, teamwork and communication.) This technique promotes active involvement of students in the process of the lesson.

Interviewing people about their reading habits in a local bookshop has given a real pleasure for me. It was my workshop in a team work. I really enjoyed it.

The field project: W.B Yeats in the National Library is a wonderful and unforgettable memory for ever for me.

Date: 24th May, Wednesday

Participation in field project of Book of Kells gives me the cultural understanding for today. It is gorgeous to see this special exhibition in real. It gives a special feeling. I am so glad to have opportunity to visit it. It is splendid to be there and see the exhibition and experience the atmosphere of the museum. Thank you very much for it.

In the Music section my teaching method of songs and lyrics in the classroom procedures was confirmed. It has given me a good feeling and proves my teaching method and procedure.

Date: 25th May Thursday

My professional development today is to see and gain how to improve literacy skills through the films using the IT tools.

I could experience some methods and get some ideas to use the ICT in the classroom.

I could see how a selection of films works in the lesson to develop speaking skills.

The lecture of Irish music has contributed to expand my cultural awareness too.

Moreover songs and lyrics make varied and more enjoyable to enlarge the students vocabulary and learn English in the classroom.

Date: 26th May Friday

I could experience what the real Irish landscape is like in the field project in Glendalough. My eyes and horizon has been widening.

I have had an opportunity to see how a real Irish historic town works nowadays in Kilkenny.

The guidance was excellent, so my historic and cultural knowledge has developed a lot today again.

Date: 27th May Saturday

I get some more good practical dissemination ideas and strategy.

My language skill improved by showing and presenting my power point presentation focusing my personal and professional benefits of doing the course. I enjoyed the presentations of the other participants too and I received some benefits to use my further teaching practice.

A final overview of my experience in this European training programme:

I could experience some good practices to use in the classrooms to elicit students' thoughts, to get them speak more in the lessons. I am going to lead in some of them.

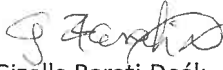
I could gain plenty of examples how to improve my students' English through the films. Some good ideas were given in an animated film by Donkey's figure.

Moreover I also gained some ideas to motivate my students to read more books and see films in English to enlarge their vocabularies and to express their feelings too.

The chance to share my teaching experience in the field of education with teachers of English from different European countries was the best practice.

In conclusion my benefit from this whole week course is on high level.

Thanks all the members of organisers for giving a chance to take part in this programme.


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