

London trip

On the 5th of June 2022 Isabel Hidalgo, Sofia Báguena, Nacho Sánchez, Unai López, Jaume Antonio and Natàlia Prats took a plane to London accompanied with their English teachers, Pedro Rivero and Alicia Barrado.

Our ERASMUS+ 'I-AM' project's last meeting was 6 days long. Luckily, we were able to visit many areas of Central London as we were researching for ads which contemplated inclusivity and/or diversity in any way. That turned out to be a great experience to remember.

On the first day, we enjoyed presentations from each country about inclusivity in our own countries and listened to a local activist in Kingston-upon-Thames, really involved in raising awareness among as many people as possible. After this school day, we went to the bowling alley to get to know our Erasmus classmates better. It was a very entertaining evening, with lots of laughter.

On the second day, we went straight to central London to get a closer look at one of the capital cities of inclusivity. To get a closer look at inclusivity, we went to the British Museum, a completely free-admission museum where a wide variety of cultures are exhibited equally. After the visit to the museum we all had lunch together, and then we visited other great monuments of the city such as Westminster Abbey or the Houses of Parliament, with its world-famous and now glamorous and shiny Big Ben, just cleaned.

Then, on the third day, we went to school to finish our posters related to diversity. Each group developed their own ideas and tried to include some photos of the inclusive advertisements that we found in London streets, in order to represent the inclusivity that the city implements in the media. After this, we went to visit the Tower (draw) Bridge and were able to see it while it was opening. In the evening, we spread out in small international groups all over the Covent Garden area. Each group went to the type of restaurant that appealed to them the most, having a great variation of them that represented different and diverse cultures.

The fourth day came and we were driven to Windsor Castle. We had a great time because we entered the state apartments and big chambers in the castle and also saw some of the British guards moving around. Before having dinner, we visited Kingston Upon Thames, a beautiful town full of racial and cultural diversity that gave us our last meal there.

Finally, our plane was programmed to part at 19:00, so we decided to have our last quick look at Central London. We were able to see what was still missing in the West-End, with its monuments and famous streets, and at the same time we bought some little stuff for our families. It was a great experience, worth repeating!

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