

School staff mobility – a training course in Portsmouth.

Melania Kubik – “C.L.I.L. for Secondary Teachers (Science and Maths)”

Between the 24th of June and the 6th of July 2018, I took part in a two-week training course in Great Britain concerning integrated teaching of particular topics with English-language components as part of the Erasmus + School Staff Mobility Project.



The course “C.L.I.L. for Secondary Teachers (Science and Maths)” was organised by InterEducation – an educational-training firm in Great Britain. It took place in Portsmouth.

The training included:

- workshops introducing the C.L.I.L (Content and Language Integrated Learning) system concerning the methodology of teaching mathematics and the natural sciences, in accordance with C.L.I.L, as well as methods for preparing materials for lessons,



- development of a lesson plan for a specific lesson in accordance with the C.L.I.L method,
- a session devoted to the education system in Great Britain as well as a discussion with participants regarding the teaching of mathematics and the natural sciences in the 11-19 age group in their own countries (Poland, the Czech Republic, France, including Martinique, Germany, Spain and Hungary),

- a two-day visit to a middle school with the possibility to take an active part in observing a lesson (in my case it was a mathematics class with a mixed age group and various levels of learning),



- a language module with the aim of improving language abilities in the realm of listening, speaking and reading, with an emphasis on expanding specialist vocabulary as well as the most commonly used grammar structures involved in teaching the subjects of mathematics and the natural sciences,
- a study trip to London – seeing the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum.

During the trip I also had the opportunity to become more familiar with, among other things, the culture and history of Great Britain, a biography of Queen Victoria and her family (during a visit to her summer residence on the Isle of Wight) and the port city of Portsmouth.



The course was run at the highest level by Dr. Diana Hicks (the C.L.I.L. component), Li Yen French (specialist vocabulary) and Michaela Fennell (English Language Training). There were 53 hours of classes, which took place in a small, 7-person group. At the end all participants received a certificate to confirm their participation in the training course.

The course leaders used activating methods in the lessons. We worked on concrete, practical materials which I will certainly make use of in my current school work. I consider it to be extremely valuable and inspiring to get to know teachers from different countries, as well as the numerous conversations about similarities and differences of culture, world-views, specifics of teaching, problems with working with young people etc.

I highly recommend participation in similar training courses to all teachers, because they broaden horizons, teach openness, are inspiring and they are methodically enriching.

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