

# School staff mobility – a training course in Bath.

**Melania Kubik and Anna Chojnowska – “Inclusive Education and Special Educational Needs”**

Between the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2018, we participated in an Erasmus+ School Staff Mobility course called “Inclusive Teaching and Special Educational Needs”.



The course was organised by Merganser Consulting LTD – an education and training company.



## **The course comprised:**

- participation in workshops on inclusive education
- two visits in British high schools where we had an opportunity to observe some lessons. One of the schools was Fosse Way School in Bath and the other was Heyesfield Girls’ school in Bath.



- a guided tour around the historical city of Bath, where the guide who was the manager of the course as well as our lecturer, presented us with various active, empirical teaching methods. We made up some active exercises and worksheets using different fields of study. We also had a fantastic opportunity

to broaden our knowledge of British culture, traditions and language, not to mention the local facts.

- preparing a presentation for students on the history and the present-day life of the city of Bath, with the implementation of some of the methods we learnt about during the course.

- a lecture on the British educational system and workshops with all the participants of the course on different ways of teaching children and teenagers in the 11-16 age group. We discussed some methods we all use while



working with students with SEN. All the teachers from Poland, Slovakia, Italy, Germany, Greece and Spain shared numerous thought – provoking experiences on this topic.



The most impressive experience was the visit to Fosse Way School, where we had a chance to observe how well-thought-ough and well-balanced the classes and activities for SEN students are. Highly qualified teaching staff, a detailed structure of the teaching process and excellent teaching conditions favourable for children are the school’s major assets. Cooperation with local communities, a friendly atmosphere and the finest school facilities only added to the general impression of a school perfectly adapted for both students and teachers. We were not surprised learning that students from Fosse Way were

successful in various fields of life in their future careers.

We definitely recommend taking part in a course like that as it creates an invaluable opportunity to broaden your own personal horizons, it opens up different perspectives and it inspires and enriches your professional abilities, not to mention the chance to meet and talk with teachers from all European countries who deal with similar problems in their everyday professional lives.

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