

Final Report

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Sending Organisation: Srednja škola Ilok, Ilok, Croatia

Hosting Organisation: wisamar Bildungsgesellschaft gemeinnützige GmbH



Between 22nd June and 6th July 2014, wisamar Bildungsgesellschaft gemeinnützige GmbH hosted four students, accompanied by one teacher, from Srednja škola Ilok in Ilok, Croatia, to complete the programme "Praksom u Europu". The programme's objective was to extend the knowledge and to improve the practical skills of the students in the field of organic gardening and farming.

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Teacher
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After arrival on 22nd June, the students and their accompanying teacher were welcomed by a tutor of wisamar and received a general introduction. On Monday, 23rd June, the wisamar tutor presented further information about the programme of stay and the planned activities as well as general information about Leipzig and a detailed introduction to the public transport system. In the afternoon, the group got to know the city on a guided tour.

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On Tuesday morning, a wisamar tutor took the students to their work placement at Stadtgarten Connewitz, experts in ecological gardening and environmental education. There, the participants were welcomed by their trainer, Mr Vogel, who explained the grounds and facilities, the equipment, the work plan as well as the occupational, safety and environmental regulations to the group.







During their two-week stay at Stadtgarten, the students could acquire profound knowledge on the methods and technologies of ecological gardening and organic farming while working together with German gardeners and had the opportunity to work in different areas. They cleared an overgrown path, straightened it and fixed it with stones. The students also turned over foliage compost and helped with various smaller gardening tasks as they occurred.







They also assisted in creating a rock garden and took part in a solid wood workshop. During the practical training, the students could deepen their knowledge in various fields of general farming methods, plants and biological agriculture as well as transfer what they have learned in school into practical work. They could also gain insights into the characteristics of different regional plants and often had contact to children visiting the Stadtgarten.









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On Tuesday, 1^{st} July, the students learned more about ecological gardening and organic farming during an additional study visit to Stadtgärtner Leipzig. They were introduced to this

community project which provides organic food for 50 people and learned more about the history and organisation of the project as well as different methods of organic farming like watering and ploughing.

Through the exchange with colleagues, trainers and other people the students learned more about daily life and the





working environment in another European country. They also took part in different cultural activities during their stay in Leipzig and were able to deepen their intercultural competences further. On a guided tour through Leipzig, German culture and traditions as well as current developments were presented to the students. They saw the most important sights and learned about their historical

background and architectonical features.

Summary:

In the framework of this programme, the participants extended their knowledge and improved their skills in the field of organic gardening and farming. Working with professional gardeners on different gardening beds and farming areas, they could transfer their knowledge into practice.

The students were also given the opportunity to improve their English and German language skills and intercultural competences and informed themselves about the culture, the daily life and the working environment in another European country in different contacts with German trainers, students and other people.

All participants were highly motivated and engaged so that the placement company appreciated their performance. It was a pleasure hosting the friendly and motivated group. We wish them all the best for their future career and are sure that the knowledge and contacts they acquired during their stay will support them in school and in their future work life.

Leipzig, 6th July 2014

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