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# DUBLIN WORK EXPERIENCE APRIL 23

This project enabled the work experience of 29 students of the Business School and Further Education College Brno to Ireland for two weeks (10 working days).





We received the grant from the European Union project Erasmus+ and 29 students + 2 teachers could travel to Dublin in April 2023. We are the 16<sup>th</sup> group that were given this chance to live and work in an English-speaking country for two weeks. Everything was financed by the European Union. All we needed was pocket money.

During the time we worked in various Dublin companies: Cahir O'Higgins Solicitors, Tax Assist Accountants Dundrum, GCS Resources Europe, ICOT College, etc.

We became part of a team and were supervised at all times by at least one mentor. We participated in everyday procedures and developed new specialised skills in the field of our study. The managers prepared daily work tasks and monitored our progress together with our accompanying teachers. The managers evaluated our achievements at the end of the working experience.

Most of us worked in different companies. Those of us who are students of business school worked with business correspondence and with databases of clients, prepared presentations, dealt with internet enquiries, answered phones, took

messages, served and advised customers and supported senior staff. We did some market research, assisted in various computerized activities such as processing, data input, emailing. We worked with internal IT system, PCs, printers, scanners and other office equipment. We also had some general duties such as filling, faxing and photocopying. We assisted and communicated with customers on daily basis and thus improved their communication skills.

The typical tasks of students of information services and librarianship were answering reference inquiries, lending documents to the user via automatic library systems, creating catalogue records of documents and books, modifying records in the database of books, looking up relevant records and communication with clients.

After working hours we had free time which we spent together or went sightseeing. We lived in host families which provided us with food and place to stay. Every once in a while we all met online with mentors from the ADC College, which is the partner of our school in Erasmus+. If we had any problem we could consult it with our teachers or an ADC College employee.

It was great experience for all of us because we learned new skills and improved our English. At the end of the two weeks work placement project a ceremony was held at ADC College to celebrate our achievements – we received the certificates of completing our work placement. We also received references from our employers and Europass Mobility. Some of us were offered a part-time job for summer.



## Our programme



On the first day when we came to Dublin (Sunday) we were given Leap cards and met our host families with whom we spend the evening to get to know them. On Monday we had an online meeting with ADC College and they told us details about travelling and working in Dublin. After the meeting we had to find our way to our companies and take a selfie which we had to show in ADC College. Then we started working.

From Monday to Friday we were working, but after work we went sightseeing. We visited e. g. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin Castle.



At the weekend, we went for a trip to the north of Dublin (Howth Cliff Path, Howth Harbour).

In the end each of us received Europass Mobility from ADC College. On Saturday we said goodbye to our host families and travelled back to Brno.

We managed work in companies without problems and our employers appraised our communication skills, professional skills and work attitude. We improved our skills in contact with customers, administrative work and use of information technologies. We also learned to present their work to our colleagues or customers in a suitable way, which contributed to the development of our soft-skills. We broadened our professional English terminology. All these aspects will enable us to gain competitive advantage at the labour market. New experience from Dublin companies will be used during our further education and practice.



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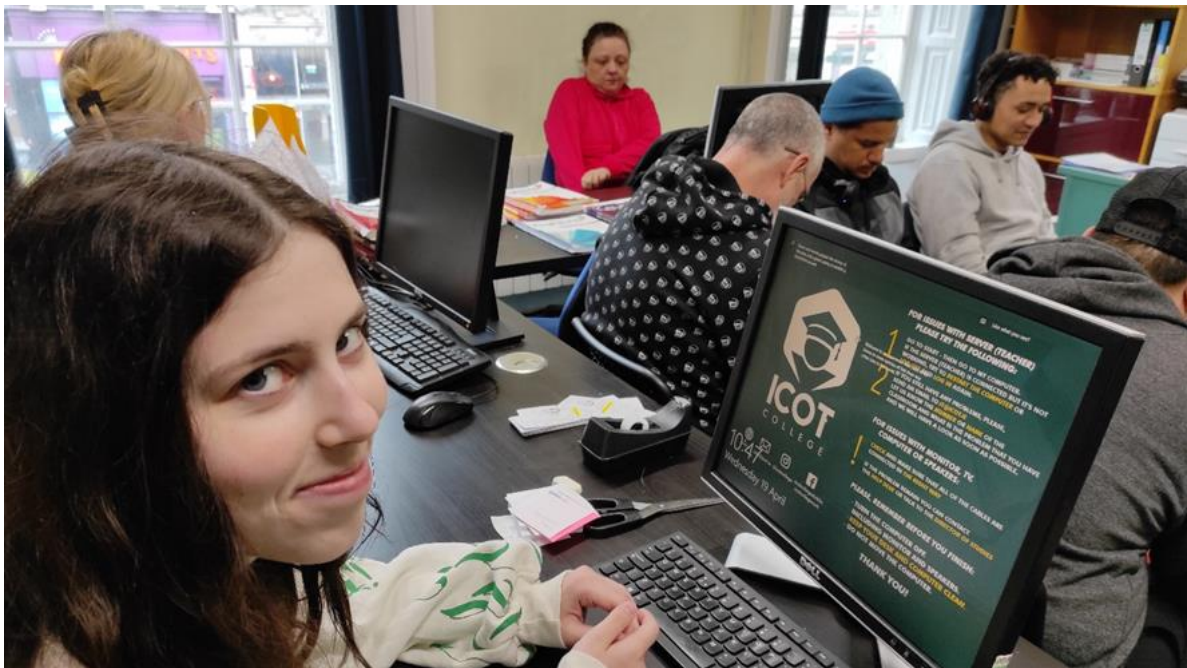
**“Hello, we would like to share our experience with you and give you some advice about your Dublin Erasmus. We can assure you that you’ll enjoy your time in Dublin.”**

## **Work and co-operation with the staff**

### **Eva Bartošková**

During my time working at ICOT College in Dublin, I had the opportunity to take on various responsibilities that allowed me to contribute to the smooth functioning of the organization. One of my primary tasks was organizing files, ensuring that important documents and information were easily accessible when needed. With a keen eye for detail and organizational skills, I implemented efficient systems that made locating files a breeze.

In addition to my file management duties, I also took on the responsibility of delivering documents between different buildings on the college campus. This involved careful coordination and timely delivery, ensuring that important paperwork reached its intended recipients promptly. Navigating the campus and interacting with different departments allowed me to develop strong interpersonal skills and foster positive relationships with colleagues across the college.



Overall, my time at ICOT College in Dublin was both fulfilling and rewarding. The diverse range of responsibilities I undertook, from file organization to document delivery and receptionist work, allowed me to develop valuable skills while contributing to the efficient operation of the institution.

### **Zuzana Břoušková**

I worked in accounting company F&M Accountants. My work was every day different so I learned so many things in these two weeks. My work included for example: entering invoices into the accounting system, checking bank accounts, basic paper work. My supervisor was very



young and smart woman. All my colleagues were very hard-working. I had an hour for lunch every day. It was very good because I could go where I wanted so I visited some places for example Botanic Garden.

### **Nikol Faltusová**

During my internship in Dublin, I was placed in a law office called ACSK Solicitors LLP. I was there with a girl from my school. On the first day we met our supervisor Ursula Ateuyi and our three colleagues. They were closing the office of a man who died and they needed help to



tidy up some boxes with documents. So, our supervisor gave us a task to go through all the boxes, take out files with documents and put them in order. Then we wrote the documents and their dates into Google Documents to make it uncluttered and so the supervisor knew what exactly is in each box and file. That was our task for the first four days. At the end, our supervisor checked it and

decided which documents are not necessary anymore so they can get rid of them. When we found some document, which could be given back to its owner, we called them and asked them if they want to keep it. Our other tasks were going to post office, dealing with dissatisfied clients, registering new clients into the database and choosing suitable clients from the database. As our supervisor was from Africa and she had really strong accent, it was sometimes difficult to understand her. But we had very nice colleagues that always tried to help us and tell us what we should do. One of our colleagues was a really funny man, so we had a great time in the office. We worked from 10 am to 5 pm. We used to leave our host family's house at 8:40 am and get back at 6 pm.

### **Daniela Hloušková**

I worked at Clinic4U. The company provides individual and professional dental care and also tries to meet the wishes and needs of patients. Everyone there was very nice to me, always willing to help and advise. They are all friends with each other, always hugging and greeting each other in the morning. There was a great and friendly atmosphere. The company was multicultural and a lot of the dentists were foreigners. Some of them even offered me their traditional dishes - I was very happy to try that. My supervisor wished me all the best for the future at the end of my internship and said that if I am ever in Ireland again, to come and see them.



My work included the following activities: organising documents, telephoning, sending text messages, working with the database, administrative work, writing emails, typing on the computer.

## **Jana Ivanova**

I worked at a law company called Cahir O'Higgins and Co. Solicitors. They defend people who are accused from some crime and are being tried in court. From what I saw, the most common crimes were driving under influence of an addictive substance, misusing drugs, sexual harassment, domestic violence, theft and so on. I even visited the court sometimes. I was in a court room listening the course of cases. It was really interesting and exciting. I also got to look into the city cells under the court once. When I wasn't at the court, I was working in the office. I did some basic tasks such as sorting and organizing files, categorizing papers, inputting data to their IT system and planning court hearings in a diary. The name of my supervisor was Charlene Comerford. She was caring and kind to me but on the other hand she could be strict to the clients when it was needed. Every day I had an hour lunch break. The company was located in the city centre, so I had many options for where I could buy my lunch. Most often, I went to the Ilac shopping centre and bought a pizza.

## **Lucie Jedličková**

I worked at Online Application which is a firm focusing on mortgages and insurance. I had a supervisor named Gloria and a boss named Karl. They both were really nice. They gave me tasks that I could work on for the whole time and when I did not know something I could ask any time and they would help me. I was given tasks such as doing mortgages researches, searching the data, working with Excel charts and comparing the collected information. I was working in a nice place with friendly colleagues.

## **Barbora Jílková**

I worked for two weeks in the company called James Watters & Co Solicitors. It was a law company that specialized in immigration law, family law, citizenship, asylum law and visa application for many years. The office is based in a central location beside the Four Courts in Dublin City Centre. When I joined the company, the secretary Ana explained everything to me, showed me how it all works and what they do. My tasks were picking up phones, arranging appointments over the phone, arranging online google meets for clients and legal representative.

I was very satisfied in the company, I was surrounded by 6 colleagues. Everyone was very nice, interested and always willing to help. I even exchanged Instagrams with my colleague Grasy and Ana. Sometimes I didn't even have time to drink because of how much work there was, but the whole day always flew by quickly.



### **Markéta Jonášová**

I worked for a small firm called Able Solicitors and Notary Public, a law firm that deals with family law, personal injury, inheritance and wills, employment law and the sale or purchase of land. It was just my boss and her another colleague there, but both were very helpful. In addition, I was also here with another student from the Erasmus+ program, Beatrice. She was from Austria, which was great because I practiced my English a lot during our conversations. At work I answered calls, received customers, worked with a computer, sorted filers, sorted documents, and printed or scanned. We also walked to post office and to others law firms for signing some documents. Every day, when we came to the office, we said hello to our colleagues and talked with them, but not about work, just how we feel and what did we do, which was great, because it wasn't just a work relationship. We also received our references.

### **David Klimeš**

Working at TaxAssist Accountants Dublin - South provided a great opportunity to develop my skills in accounting and taxation, and I gained valuable experience working with a range of clients. The team was highly supportive and collaborative, which fostered a positive and productive work environment. Overall, working in this company was a fulfilling experience that offered a supportive, collaborative work environment, opportunities for growth and development, and exposure to a diverse range of clients and industries. The supervisor was highly approachable and always took the time to listen to feedback, ideas, and concerns from team members, which helped to foster a sense of teamwork and inclusivity.



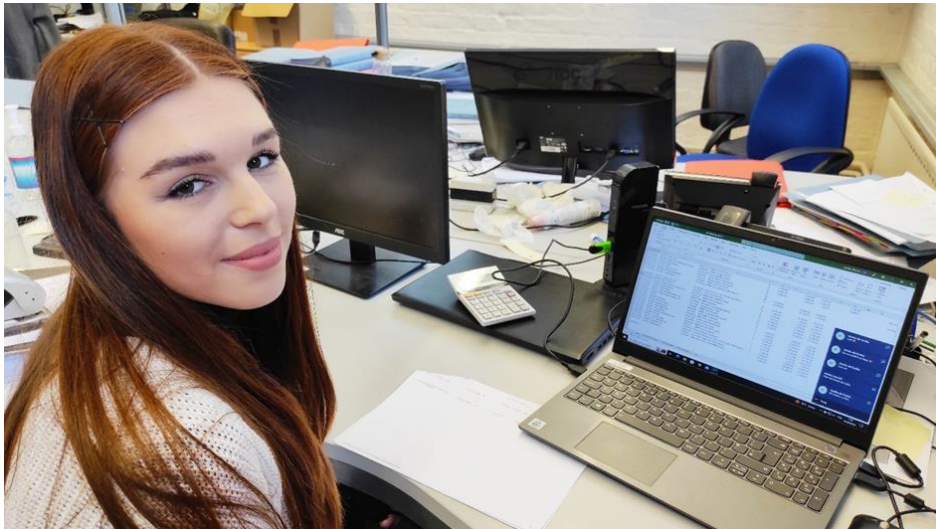
### **Natálie Kmet'ová**

I worked in the company Hugh Mc Carthy & Associates Accountants. Its services are account preparation, taxation and audit services, company secretarial, conflict resolution, business advisory and litigation support. My supervisor, Ms. Ainy Gul, was a very kind and helpful person. Other co-workers were nice as well, they offered to help anytime it was needed and they also asked many questions about me, Czech Republic and more, so we got to know each other well.

### **Viktorie Kostrůňová**

I worked at Hugh McCarthy & Associates Accountants with one girl from our school. The company provided accountancy, taxation and wealth management services for small and big companies. Everyone there was very nice to us, always willing to help and advise. They are all friends with each other, they often go to restaurants during the lunch breaks, sent each other





funny mails and always laughed. Sadly, we didn't get that much time to talk with our co-workers because they were very busy with their work all the time but they tried to chat with us every chance they got. Our boss even bought donuts for the whole office

twice during our stay - that was really sweet of her! Our company was multicultural and really welcoming for foreigners. At the end of the internship, our supervisor wished us the best for our future and said that we are welcome to come back and work in their company after university if we are interested.

### **Jan Krejčí**

I worked in the office usually with two to three people in the room with me. The biggest part of my work was using Excel where I had to gather company's data from their websites and putting them into the database. I also did stocktaking once. Everyone in the company were super kind to me and helped me with everything. I mostly enjoyed speaking with other workers and especially with my supervisor with whom I talked about different topics from our weekend programme to the prices of houses in the Czech Republic and so on.

### **Martin Krumpolc**

The work in the company was quite undemanding, it was mostly simple office work. The tasks were mostly about customer relationship management, interviewing client, registering new clients into the database, dealing with dissatisfied clients, making phone calls, preparing offers and some basic tasks, like using office equipment and reception duties like greeting and looking after visitors. The cooperation with my colleagues was perfect, they always explained clearly and understandably what exactly I had to do, so there was nothing to worry about.



### **Karolína Kuncová**

I worked at ACSK Solicitors LLP, which is a law company specialized in many types of law (e. g. family law). It was interesting to work in such a company. But sometimes it was quite difficult because my supervisor had a strong African accent, so it was hard to understand her.

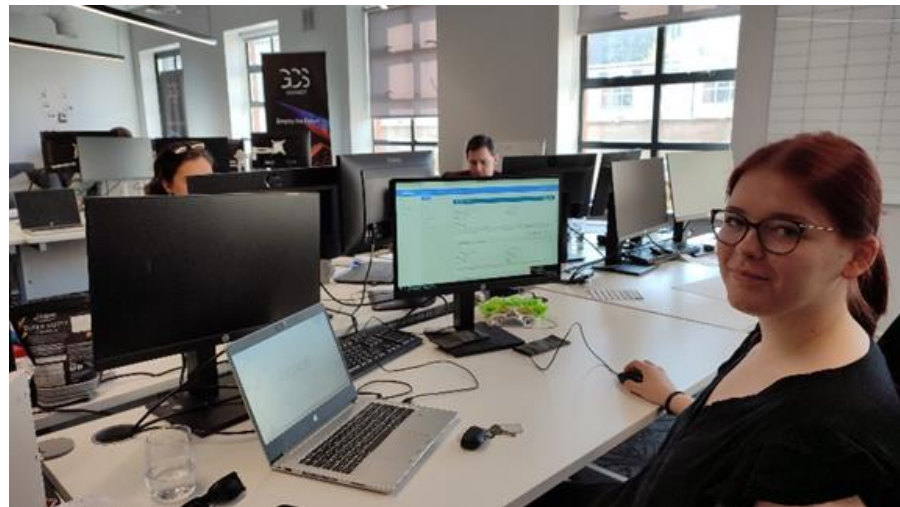


However, the internship was helpful and useful for my future work and career. My tasks mostly consisted of sorting documents and entering the data into the system. I also went to the post office several times to send some letters.

### **Daniela Lengalová**

The company I worked for was located in the centre of Dublin right by the river Liffey. I worked in a beautiful, modern office along with other workers in the company. Everyone I came in contact with at work was nice and willing to help me. I asked my supervisor several times when I didn't know what to do. The important thing is not to be afraid to ask for help when you're not sure what to do.

I would really recommend finding a way to work with time to spare. There have been a few times when I've spent more time on the road than I planned. This goes for any trip you are going to take. It's better to get to work a little earlier than later. Google maps worked best for me.



### **Laura Martínková**



I rate my work at MCS Case Management very positively. This incredible experience with this company has really brought a lot to my life. The intention of their company is really wonderful and I am glad that I could be a small part at least for a while. I really enjoyed working there because I always had something to do, so it wasn't boring and even if it was challenging at times I always had someone there to help me. My work was of all kinds, sometimes I organized their folders, checked various of documents to see if they were where they should be. Sometimes I managed their websites and blog or sorted emails. I wrote emails or called someone. I had meeting calls with my colleague Geraldine, who was in Turkey that time. In short, I did everything possible.

My colleagues were the best work support I ever had. They welcomed me with open arms. Their collective was very nice and when I had a problem with anything, they were all happy to help me. I felt at home among them. The best part was that my

supervisor Siobhan cooked us lunches every day and we all sat down as one big family and talked about our day etc. Besides Siobhan there were two other colleagues with me most of the time. Siobhan's daughter Marie-Claire and Natalie. Both were very kind, friendly and always helpful with everything. However, the biggest amusement of my work was their dog Luna. Luna was an incredibly playful puppy who always wanted to play with me while I was working. Most of the time I couldn't concentrate at all because of her. Since we worked from Siobhan's house, it gave me such an atmosphere as if I was at home and that's why I loved it there.

### **Nikolas Mahovský**

I worked in Chartered Certified Accountants. It was a nice and unforgettable experience. I personally learned many useful things and gained some experience as well. The home of my company was a small office where I worked with my boss and an exchange student just like me. This student was from Germany and I'm happy for meeting him. The content of my job was basic work with computer, for example with Word, Excel, etc. Some days I had to deliver mails into a post box as well. My boss was a great guy who helped me with a lot of things and gave me some tips & tricks for living in Dublin.

### **Ondřej Matyšek**

I was working in a local company Gifts of Ireland in the centre of Dublin , where I had the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and collaborate with colleagues from different backgrounds.

During my time there, I was learning about the company's operations and participate in various tasks and projects. I also had the chance to work with professionals in my field of interest, which helped me build my skills and expand my knowledge.



### **Linda Molnárová**

I worked in company named The Blink group. One of my tasks was searching and collecting data for projects. I was also rewriting information about clients - for example e-mail and phone numbers. I was also working with printer. My colleagues were nice and sweet. They helped me with any task, explain me how to do any tasks and also told me about their job. There was one guy that was in the company also for internship. For work I usually got up at 7:50 and the job started at 10 a.m. The journey there should took me about an hour but in the morning the traffic was usually heavy so it took longer than that.



### **Tereza Ondráčková**

I worked in a company called Inter-Konnect. It is an electrical distributor. I worked in a smaller office with four more colleagues. I had my desk with a laptop. We had a cafeteria where I could get a cup of tea or coffee anytime. I had never really worked anywhere before and this was a great chance to try it for the first time. I worked with a computer programme called TREX. I was updating the company's data. I also used a scanner for the first time. My colleagues were helpful. Whenever I needed help, they were there to answer all my questions about my tasks. We also talked about Dublin. They recommended me some interesting places and shops to visit. They were nice and kind and I was truly glad I got to work with them and got to know them a little bit.

### **Klára Poláčková**



I worked at O'Neill Dental care in Dublin. Right from the beginning, they were really nice to me. I worked with three colleagues there. One of my primary tasks was organizing files, ensuring that important documents and information were easily accessible when needed, with a keen eye for detail and organizational skills. I implemented

efficient systems that made locating files a breeze. My colleagues were sweet and very talkative. I wasn't bored at work. Whenever I needed something, they were willing to help me. They also gave me advice on where to go after work, for example. The work placement in Dublin at O'Neill Dental Care has brought me good experiences, but also an opportunity to get to know the local culture and make new friends. I wouldn't hesitate to go to work there again.

### **Eliška Pospíšilová**

My workplace was Footprints bookstore located in Dun Laoghaire in the south part of Dublin. I was working together with my classmate Zuzka and our supervisor was the owner of the place, Valmai. She was very helpful with all the tasks. When we did not understand something, she would help us by explaining it in detail or just help us with the task in general. I found it really kind of her. My tasks ranged



from Excel work to going to the post office with special orders that are being shipped to customers. I even got the opportunity to sort the goods in the store. The location of the store is really good. Although it is not in the centre of Dublin you can get there quickly by Dart or bus.

### **Anna Sajvaldová**

I worked at the Gifts of Ireland. It was a beautiful and unforgettable experience. I gained a lot of new and useful experiences, met people from different parts of the world (a girl from Norway and another from Poland worked with me). The content of my work was a lot of diverse tasks - from packing parcels, working with Excel, Semrush and a lot of other interesting software, to making real Irish tea. My boss was a great man with whom I got along well and taught me a lot of new things.

As I mentioned before, I worked with two girls, but also with two other students from my school. We didn't know each other before the internship, but now I think I can confidently say that we have become good friends. We all helped each other, and the work really went smoothly.

### **Zuzana Serbajlová**

My work experience for these two weeks that I spent in Dublin was in Footprints bookstore in Dun Laoghaire with my classmate Eliška. The bookstore was a lovely and cosy place. It wasn't a regular bookstore, it was mostly specialized in Christian thematic. They mostly sold Bibles, cards, books about religion and Christian lifestyle, candles, souvenirs etc. Our supervisor's name was Valmai. It is a pretty unusual name and we learnt that it originated in Scotland. She was really nice, friendly and helpful. She also bought us some hot chocolate or tea every morning and we talked about several topics, so that we could practice our English. The tasks were easy to understand. We did some work in Excel, some accounting, we shot a promotional video, worked on a website and served customers. Right near the bookstore there was a beach and the sea, so we would buy lunch, sit there and admire the nice views. Every day we took the train Dart for about 20 minutes from Tara Street and then the bus 37 or 39 that stopped very near our host family's house.

### **Matyáš Smékal**

Working in the company will be one hell of an experience, whether you like it or not. Having to work in another country is always an experience. The first few days you are afraid, then it's pretty good and eventually you don't even want





to go home. So just don't stress too much. Also, never be afraid of colleagues, there is a very good chance that they are in similar situation as you and they will be very happy if you try to get to know them. There is nothing better than working and having fun in the meantime. My job was very pleasant because I had a very good boss who taught me a lot. I will miss him for a long time.

### **Nela Sysová**

I worked at Westcourt Management Services, which is located in the centre of Dublin. The company rents out properties and provides necessary services for its residents. The company even sends exterminators, heating repairmen, or someone to make curtains for them. My supervisor, Bobby, was super nice to me, and whenever I needed assistance, he was really helpful. Every day after lunch, he offered me a candy he bought, so it was nice. I also worked with another 2 students. The first week, I worked with a girl named Rebecca from Norway, and the second week, I worked with Amelia from Germany. I'm still chatting with Amelia, and we went for lunch breaks together there. I even met her friends, so it was awesome.

I don't have anything to complain about. The distance from my home was ideal, and it was perfectly placed. As I said, the colleagues and the placement of the firm were perfect. Bobby wished me all the best when we said goodbye, and I spent the last day after work with Amelia.

My work there included organizing documents, a lot of work with Excel, finding potential properties and furniture for the apartments, sending many emails, and even decorating the office. One day, I had to call a company for curtains. If I ever go back to Ireland, I will definitely stop there to greet them.

### **Daniela Šelleová**

For my work experience I was placed in Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living – or B.C.I.L. for short. At my workplace I was working under the supervision of Ms Antoinette Tierney, a lovely woman, who has been most helpful to me when I needed assistance.



During my stay at B.C.I.L. I met multiple people, colleagues and clients alike. My co-workers were from all over the world – Kongo, Romania, Russia and other countries – and we've been sharing customs and traditions from our countries, including the basics of our languages.

I have also had multiple clients, some of them in their own homes. For me, it was a very educational time, but also touching and emotional. I've talked with a client, who lost his home

after leaving the army and with a man, who had to give up his favourite sport, golf, after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

I also got the opportunity to learn about the struggles that disabled people face each day and that I never thought they presented any issue.

That being said, it is quite clear that my workplace offered the most diverse environment and I am more than grateful for being able to attend this Erasmus programme.

### **Lenka Urbanová**

I was working in company called Gifts of Ireland. My supervisor Aidan started this company back in 2021 and now he has two online shops that are very successful. He had a great humour so me and my colleagues were not bored at all. I was there with two students from my school but we talked only in English.

My purpose in this company was to film some material for social media and websites, work in many programmes and learn how to understand them, work in Excel and make English tea with milk for my colleagues. I am very happy that I had opportunity to work with my amazing boss and that I was in surrounded by nice and funny people.

### **Hynek Žebráček**



I had a fantastic opportunity to practice web design while working for Ingenio Global. I was able to work with different industry experts, which gave me the opportunity to gain a distinctive perspective on the business. I felt at home and inspired because of the company's friendly and inclusive work environment. My work was made easier and more productive by the team's excellent organization and communication skills. The degree of cooperation and coordination that existed within the business, which made sure that everything worked smoothly and effectively, amazed me. My time at Ingenio Global has taught me the value of teamwork and communication in attaining a shared objective.



## **Host family**

### **Eva Bartošková**

My family in Dublin was an absolute delight to be around. Whenever we gathered, the conversations flowed effortlessly, and their warm and friendly nature made me feel right at home. They went above and beyond to make us feel welcome, and one of the most memorable ways they did that was through their incredible culinary skills.

Every time we expressed a craving for traditional Irish food, they would whip up the most delicious and authentic dishes. From mouth-watering Irish stew to savoury shepherd's pie and the irresistible taste of freshly baked soda bread, our taste buds were in for a treat. The love and care they put into preparing these meals truly reflected their pride in their heritage.

Sitting around the table, sharing stories, and savouring the flavours of their traditional Irish cuisine created cherished memories that will always hold a special place in my heart. The combination of good food, warm company, and the genuine hospitality of my family in Dublin made every mealtime a delightful experience, and I couldn't have asked for a more welcoming and loving family.



### **Zuzana Břoušková**

I lived in host family with 5 more girls from our school. All rooms were for 2 girls. The rooms were very cool and clean. The first week we lived with young woman named Emer. When we arrived, she told us that her mother is away so she will be our host mum before our real host mum Maria will come back. Emer and her husband Michel were so nice and we really enjoyed the week with them.

When Maria and her husband Ray came back, it was even better. Ray cooked the best dinners and we were so grateful. When we want to stay out late, they were so accommodating those things.

### **Nikol Faltusová**

We lived in a big house in Castleknock which is a peaceful part of Dublin. There were other five girls from my school with me. Our host parents were on a holiday during the first week of our stay, so their daughter was there with us. She was a really nice person. Our host parent arrived at the weekend and they were also really nice. They were called Maria and Ray. Maria worked from home, so if we had any problem, she was always there to help us. Ray was a really great cook and he cooked us delicious dinner every evening. Some of the meals were chicken curry, Irish stew, lasagne or spaghetti Bolognese. Their daughter had a dog that was in the house with us.

### **Daniela Hloušková**

I lived at Ann and John McAndrew's house with my classmates. We stayed about 20 minutes from downtown and the bus stop was right next door. Our host family was very nice, Ann and John took very good care of us.

The food was very good and tasty too! Our food was always ready in the dining room and we could heat it up whenever we wanted.

It happened that none of us had brought a hair dryer, so we asked Ann if she had one. She said she didn't have one but then ordered one for us. No one was expecting that and we were very surprised and grateful.

At the end of the internship we bought them a flower to thank them for what they did for us. We couldn't have asked for a better host family.

### **Jana Ivanova**

I was accommodated with my friend Markéta. We stayed in small family house in a peaceful area called Castleknock. Our host family consisted of an old lady named Mary Carver and two other exchange students named Killian and Mathyas. Killian was from France and he had very strong accent, unlike from the second student Mathyas who was from Hungary and he didn't have much of an accent, so I could understand him better. The food we get there was okay. For breakfasts, we had toasts, butter, jam and juice and for dinners we had soups, which I didn't like, and some main meal. Our room was small but comfortable, although all of us shared one bathroom, which wasn't ideal because of waiting time, especially in the morning.



### **Lucie Jedličková**

Me and Anna lived in a district Donaghmede which is near the Howth peninsula. Linda, our host mum was a great host indeed. She was not strict at all, she was the best. As an intern you have only breakfast and dinner, but they had really plentiful dinners, we were so full after it.

Linda had a smaller house at the first sight but as you stepped in you realized it was not as small as you thought. It had three floors and the third one had only one bedroom where we stayed. Our bedroom was large enough, it had two beds, wardrobe and its own bathroom with a toilette. But what caught my eye was their living room. It looked like winter garden, instead of walls it had windows all over and was really bright, just beautiful.

Linda has a son and daughter, they were both adults and they were very nice as well. They also have a dog named Coco and she was a sweetie.

### **Barbora Jílková**

I lived in the family with my classmate Lenka. It was really an advantage for us, because we are also good friends, so we know each other really well. The family had 4 members. John, his wife Ash, then Avie, who was 5, and an older son, 8. The family was very nice. They asked how our day at work was. They always asked if we had everything. We were given the keys to the house, it was a big advantage that we could come whenever we wanted. During the day I sent a message on WhatsApp at what time we would prefer dinner. When we came back from work, it was mostly already prepared. The dinners were warm. We often had fries, potatoes, spaghetti, and even pizza. We were given a room in the attic, where it was quiet and close to the bathroom. I was really satisfied with the family.

### **Markéta Jonášová**

I lived with my friend Jana in a small house, 20 minutes from the city centre, which was great. We lived with Mary, she lives alone, but at the time, when we were there, she has had another 2 students, Killian from France and Mathias from Hungary, so we practiced our English by talking to them. We also took a contact from them. The food was okay, for a breakfast we usually had a toast with butter and jam and juice. For dinners we had a soup and some main meal. The room was small but quite nice and comfortable.

### **David Klimeš**

Living in Dublin - Firhouse was a wonderful experience, with its beautiful surroundings, friendly people, and vibrant culture. Our host mum was amazing, and she took great care of us, making sure that we were comfortable and well-fed. Her name was Julia Fitzgerald. She was an excellent cook, and her homemade meals were always delicious and nutritious, which was great. The local restaurants and cafes offer a wide range of cuisine, from traditional Irish fare to international cuisine. The time it took us to the town centre was around 40 minutes.

### **Natálie Kmet'ová**



We lived with the owner's daughter Emer for the first week, because the owner was on a vacation with her husband in France. She was nice to all of us, her cooking was fine, and she offered us ice cream every day after dinner. We got to know her husband few days later and he was also nice to us, but it was a bit hard to understand him because of his strong accent. Unfortunately, we didn't get to say bye to them since they left the house when we were on a weekend trip in

Belfast. At the weekend the owner of the house, Ms. Maria, along with her husband Raymond came back and welcomed us in a nice way. They were kind as well, but a bit strict about dinner



time, but it was okay. During dinners they usually talked to us, asked us about our days and about the places we got to visit, they even gave us a few tips which was great. I really enjoyed staying at their house.

### **Viktorie Kostrůňová**

I stayed with Ms Ann and Mrs John McAndrew with five other girls from our school. The Andrews were in their early sixties, had grown-up children and no animals.

We really enjoyed their company, they were really kind, friendly and welcoming (as most people in Dublin). They helped us with everything we needed - even bought us a hair dryer and borrowed us towels which we forgot. Their house is in a part of Dublin called Ashtown located half an hour from the centre of Dublin by public transport. In the house we had three bedrooms,



one bathroom on our own floor and even one dining room with a couch. The dining room also included our own microwave, kettle, fridge and toaster! All the rooms were clean. We prepared our breakfast from a large selection of food they gave us. The food during the day was up to us. We usually bought something the day before and ate it during our lunch break the next day. Dinner was cooked

by our host mom Ann. She cooked well in large portions. We often had dishes such as pizza or lasagne but sometimes she cooked us Irish dishes as well. She always gave us desserts/puddings or baguettes too. We didn't spend much time together but they asked us about our day and what we were doing. What was really surprising was that they wore shoes in the house. It was weird at first but we got used to it. We were very pleased with our host family and we are glad that we could stay with Ann and John.

### **Jan Krejčí**

We lived in the two-story house on the outskirts of the town owned by Julia Fitzgerald in the group of five. That being said, I lived with Ondřej, Matyáš, Nikolas and David. Julia cooked us dinner every day with the option to text her and let her know that we won't come to the dinner that day. She also gave us a plenty of tips of where to go in the city and what's worth seeing. Beds, towels, everything was clean. Julia often took out the trash from the trash bin in our room. And asked if everything is okay like literally every day.

For the last few days a guy from the Saudi Arabia joined us and lived with us in the family till we left. She also has a dog named Bella that barked every time she got a chance.

### **Martin Krumpolc**

When you come to a family you don't know, you always worry about who you'll be staying with. However, my fears were completely unnecessary because the family we stayed with was absolutely perfect. They were so nice to us, they even took us to the beach, shopping or on a trip around the area. Our room was newly renovated, including the bathroom, and everything was clean. Plus, the lady we stayed with was a very good cook so we always had a good dinner.

### **Karolína Kuncová**

There were six of us in our host family. Our host parents were the nicest people I met in Dublin. They were so generous and kind to us. Every time we needed some help or we wanted to ask a question about something they smiled at us and helped us. Our host dad cooked dinner for us every evening. Honestly, he is the best chef, I have never eaten so tasty food. Through the two weeks we had spaghetti, hamburgers, chicken on kari, lasagne and one evening we had shepherd pie, which is a typical Irish dish (and I loved it).

### **Daniela Lengalová**

My roommate and I lived in a small house in our host family's backyard. It may sound strange at first, but it was great. We had privacy and our own bathroom. Our host family gave us a lot of freedom which we appraised. Even though we were in Dublin in April, it was still quite cold. It is not a bad idea to pack a scarf and an extra sweater. It doesn't get very warm in Ireland and we could notice it even in our accommodation.



### **Nikolas Mahovský**

Me and 4 other guys stayed with Ms Julia Fitzgerald. When we met her for the first time, we already knew that it's going to be good time for us there. She was a super kind and super friendly lady. The first day she showed us all the bus stoppes, where shops nearby are, which way to go into park and everything else that we needed. She was very tolerant to us, she didn't really care what time we came home at, all we had to do was send her a message about when we were coming and that was it. We didn't stay for dinner every day because we wanted to try some local food or just experience the city, but when we had dinner, it was awesome. She had 5 kids that are adults now, so she had cooking skills on high level. I couldn't not mention the pasta that she made for us, it was so excellent that it's going to stay in my head forever.

The only thing that I didn't like was the 24/7 low temperature inside the house. I don't know why but they don't use heating as much as we do, so for example in the morning when you entered bathroom without wearing flip-flops, your feet would freeze.

### **Ondřej Matvšek**

During my internship, I was staying with a local family, which gave me the opportunity to experience the Irish culture and lifestyle. I was able to interact with my host family, learn about their customs and traditions, and practice my English skills. I also had the chance to try traditional Irish cuisine, which is known for its hearty and delicious dishes.

### **Linda Molnárová**

The family we stayed at was great. I stayed with five other girls. Dinners were cooked for us by our host dad and they were delicious. Everything he cooked was tasty. After dinner they always offered us ice cream. For dinner we had for example burgers, spaghetti Bolognese, curry chicken and pasta with chicken. We had baguettes as side dishes. I lived with my classmate. The room we stayed in was nice and clean. We had the bathroom in our room so that was practical. Personally, for me it was weird that they wore their sneakers or boots in the house.

### **Tereza Ondráčková**

We stayed in a lovely house with our host family. They were a married couple called Ann and John. They were kind and nice. I and five other girls shared three rooms and one bathroom. We could have dinner whenever we wanted. The food was good. Mostly it was a simple meal with vegetables and potatoes. We always got a dessert. Our favourite one was chocolate pudding. We were placed in a convenient location. There were two bus stops only two minutes away and we also had Tesco and Lidl close. We lived next to Phoenix Park – the biggest park in Dublin. We took a walk around the park, and we saw fallow deer. If you are planning to visit Ireland, I'd recommend packing warm clothes. Irish people are used to cold nights. However, locals are one of the warmest and kindest people I've ever met.

### **Eliška Pospíšilová**

I stayed in the lovely home of Anne and John with 5 other girls from our school. They were really nice and welcoming. Anne asked us about our day and what we were doing. She prepared really good meals for us and the home was very clean. Although we did not spend time together, for example playing something or going for walks, I think it was really awesome. One thing that surprised me was that they wore shoes even in the house. I brought some slippers with me from home, so I wore those but it was really a cultural difference. Anne was really nice and even lent a few girls towels which they forgot at home. John was really friendly and nice. They both were really happy with the sweets and drinks we brought from the Czech Republic.



### **Anna Sajvaldová**

My schoolmate and I were honoured and could live with an incredibly kind lady. She welcomed us with open arms, showed us the train station and the nearest bus stops and generally helped us get used to



the new environment. She was also very tolerant with the time we had to be back at the evening. The only thing she wanted from us was to text her when we will arrive, if we are alright and if we would like dinner. We didn't have dinner often, as we wanted to discover the beauties of Dublin, so we often stayed there late into the night, but when we asked for it, it was excellent. I'm not sure if the lady cooked it herself or if she just heated the frozen food, but we didn't really care. We had our own room with two beds and our own toilet, so we were completely satisfied.

The only thing that surprised me was the fact that the family wore shoes both outside and at home, so the floor was not always the cleanest. It is definitely a good idea to take slippers with you, for example in the bathroom they will be useful, but otherwise they will just get dirty. Also, don't forget a toothbrush like me. I had to buy it and finding a store where they would sell it for a decent price was really challenging.

### **Zuzana Serbajlová**

Our host family was a lovely couple Anne and John. They lived on Ard Patrick Road near the Phoenix park. I lived there with my classmate Eliška and also four other girls from my school. The house was overall pretty big, we had a whole floor and dining room for ourselves. We had three bedrooms and one bathroom. The decorations and especially the lamps and small cushions were really adorable. In the dining room we could use a microwave, had some clean plates, glasses, cups, cereals, toasts and a toaster etc. at all times. The dinners were really delicious, we had a variety of foods, such as spaghetti, pizza, lasagne, chicken with a curry sauce, some pasta and more. Our host family was really trusting and they let us have their keys for the entirety of our stay. We also didn't have a strict curfew if we let the family know where we are. When we didn't have a hair dryer, Anne bought us one from Amazon, so she was extremely nice and helpful. On our last day, we bought them some pink flowers.

### **Matváš Smékal**

I'm sure you'll settle into your family very quickly, there's nothing else left for you anyway. The host family is always very welcoming, accommodating and helpful. After all, they wouldn't invite someone to their home if they didn't want them there. And at the same time, you should be nice to them, feel free to bring a gift and above all respect their rules in the household. You won't get to know each other much in 14 days, when you're still out or at work, but a little chat in the evening never hurts. We had an old grandma and she was so much fun with, but we respected her and that is why everything worked between us. She even bought a pack of beer for us when we were leaving.



### **Nela Sysová**

Me and my 6 classmates stayed with Ann and John McAndrew. We lived about 20 minutes from the city centre, and the bus stop was 2 minutes from our house. They were very kind and took great care of us.

I enjoyed the food very much, even though I'm a very picky eater. We had our own dining room, and the food was already placed there when we came back from outside. We had our own microwave, so we could heat it whenever we wanted.

One day, we realized that none of us had a hairdryer, and we asked Ann if she had one. Unfortunately, she didn't have one, so it was bad. But after a while, she came to the dining room and said that she had just ordered one, and it should arrive on Wednesday. It came, and we had a hairdryer! We thought it was so kind of her, so on the day we were leaving, we gave her tulips. It would have been impossible for us to have a better family.

### **Daniela Šelleová**

I was quite lucky, as I was living for two weeks in Castleknock, which is a beautiful suburb area full of lovely people. Our "house mom," Maria, along with her daughter Emer, made us feel more than welcome. They offered a very loving home with addition of delicious food, provided by her husband, Ray. They made sure that their home would be more than just a place to sleep over.

### **Lenka Urbanová**

I lived near Dublin airport on a street called Greenwood Ave. It was a very pretty neighbourhood that was ideal for family life. We lived quite far away from the closest bus stop but at least we had our daily exercise. Our host family had two children – boy and a girl. They also had a dog called Stan which I did not like that much in the beginning but we become close with time.

Our host family gave us nice room but we had to share a bathroom with them which was a little complicated because there was always a waiting line in the evening for the bath. Food was really nice, the host mama cooked pretty good meals for us and we got cereals and waffles for breakfast. We did not eat together but we still had pretty good conversations with our family.

### **Hynek Žebráček**

The experience of staying with a Croatian family in Dublin was rewarding and enjoyable. Igor, my host father, and Kristina, my host mother, were hospitable and accommodating, making me feel at home. Their young daughter, Tara, was adorable and consistently upbeat, which made my visit much more enjoyable. They had a dog and a cat as well,



which I thought were beautiful additions to the family. My hosts made sure I was comfortable and nourished during my stay and introduced me to Croatian food, which I really enjoyed. My horizons were expanded and I gained a fresh look on life, as I also loved learning about their culture and way of life. It was a great chance to really immerse myself in the culture by staying with a host family in a different culture and broaden my horizons.

## **Free time**

### **Eva Bartošková**

One of the highlights of my time in Dublin was visiting Howth, a picturesque coastal village just a short distance from the city. The breathtaking views of the rugged cliffs and sparkling blue waters left me in awe. Walking along the scenic trails, indulging in fresh seafood, and engaging in lively conversations with locals and fellow travellers added a sense of camaraderie and made the experience all the more enjoyable.

Another delightful excursion was spending time with my friend in Phoenix Park, one of the largest enclosed city parks in Europe. The expansive green spaces, majestic trees, and serene atmosphere provided the perfect backdrop for relaxation and rejuvenation. Whether we were having a picnic, or simply enjoying the company of each other, the tranquillity of Phoenix Park offered a respite from the bustling city life.



### **Zuzana Břoušková**

We woke up very early on Saturday. We can choose if we want to go to Titanic museum or historical narrative in black cabs. I chose Titanic museum and it was good choice. It was very modern and I also learned some new information here. Then we went to Giant's Causeway – everyone was so excited and happy there. It was probably the best place in Ireland.

On Sunday we went to the Dublin Castle and then to Guinness where we get a free beer. I didn't really like it but I expect it because nothing is that good as beer in Czech.

### **Nikol Faltusová**

Almost every day after work, we would go to the city of Dublin to see some interesting places. On the first day of our stay, we went to Howth. It was a really calming place. We saw the cliffs and seals. It was very sunny so we enjoyed this day. There were many restaurants that were selling fish and chips and Guinness beer which we also tried. On the other days we would stay in the city centre. We saw the Ha'Penny Bridge, Temple Bar, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, St. Stephen's Green Park, Trinity College, Christ Church Cathedral, The National Botanic Gardens or The Spire. Sometimes we went to some shops but they were not important for us. Our host family were living near the Phoenix Park. We went there right after our arrival and also on our



last evening there. Second time, we were lucky to see the deers. Walking around them and taking pictures of them was not dangerous. We had a weekend programme. On Saturday we went to the Northern Ireland. First, we had a stop in Belfast where we could choose whether we want to see the Titanic Museum or have a ride in old taxis and get more knowledge about the conflicts in Belfast called The Troubles. Then we went to Dunluce Castle which is a medieval ruin. At the end of our Saturday trip we went to Giant's Causeway which lies at the very northern point of the island. The views from the cliffs were beautiful and there were unmissable natural formations. On Saturday we went the Dublin Castle, had a little tour there and then we went to the Guinness Storehouse. The Guinness Storehouse is a museum of Guinness beer. It is located near the Guinness Brewery. We got to know how the beer is made and how should we taste it right. At the end, we went to Gravity Bar at the top floor of the Guinness Storehouse and we enjoyed a glass of beer with a nice view.

### **Daniela Hloušková**

After work we always met up with friends and went to a cafe for coffee or bought takeaway and went to the park. The parks there were really beautiful! For example, the Phoenix park was huge where deer roamed freely. We also walked around a lot of the sights like Temple Bar, the National Gallery, and Trinity College. Twice we went to the seaside where it was very beautiful. The journey there was really short. We had different plans for each day and I think we used the time really well. We also went to the shops and bought different souvenirs.

### **Jana Ivanova**

I was spending my free time with my friend Markéta. Usually, we met after work and went to the city centre to get some food and visit some shops. Mostly we ate at McDonald's. We also visited Phoenix Park where we saw Wellington Monument. On Monday, after our arrival, we explored Howth unfortunately, we didn't see any seals. However, we did find A Tiny Hidden Beach, which was an awesome adventure. On the weekend, we were on trips with whole group. We saw castle ruins where some scenes from Game of Thrones were filmed and then we went to the Giant's Causeway where we saw beautiful views and took some pictures.



### **Lucie Jedličková**

After work we had a lot of free time to use. We could meet our friends, explore the city, with or without them, go shopping, get something to eat or literally everything you can think of, even rent a bike if you wanted to, they had them everywhere. There are a lot of interesting places to visit. I would recommend for example St. Stephen's park, surroundings of the river Liffey, Trinity College or O'Connell Monument. Dublin's parks are in general very pretty, something you won't see in Czech.

Our weekend program consists of visiting Giant cosways, Dunluce Castle, Titanic museum in Belfast, Dublin Castle and Guinness storehouse.



On Saturday we travelled by bus with a guide named Rory. He was really incredible and the way he talked was impressive. He talked about legends and myths of Ireland and North Ireland. The first stop was at Belfast. There we visited the Titanic museum and it was amazing. Totally unforgettable experience. Everybody knows the story about the Titanic but it was great to see it from another professional point of view.

Then we stopped at Dunluce Castle. It was a short stop but I think everybody enjoyed it. It is an old ruined castle but with lots of beautiful landscapes around. It's surrounded by sea, so we took a bunch of photos. Rory told us some information about it and we headed to another station.

The Giant Causeway. Our main stop. We walked near the cliff and all I can say is stunning. The weather was so good even though it was said it should be raining. Again, we took a lot of photos, admiring the views and after a long day we rode home.

### **Barbora Jílková**

My working hours were to 16:00. So, after I finished my tasks, I went to the centre of Dublin. My colleagues recommended to me some beautiful historical sights. I also visited shopping centre Jervis, which was really crowded, and Abbey street, where there were so many gift shops. With my friends Lenka and Laura we visited Howth Island, which I highly recommend, and we picked there some seashells on Malahide beach, which was close to our house. I was warned in advance about the heavy traffic, but I think you could always rely 100% on the trams - Luas.



The buses were slightly late. Otherwise, I always got where I needed to be.

### **Markéta Jonášová**

We were living just 20 minutes from the city centre, so every day after our work ended, we were exploring the city centre. We saw the Spire of Dublin, we visited the Temple Bar and the Phoenix Park, where we saw the deers and took a photo with them. Every day we also visited some restaurant and tried out some food. And we also visited some shops and bought a lot of things and some souvenirs for our families.

At the weekend, we had a prepared program by our teachers. On Saturday we got up early and made our way for our bus, we travelled to Northern Ireland. First of all, we visited the Dunluce Castle and the Giant's causeway. It was an amazing trip, because the nature there is magical



and we also took some great pictures. After we moved to Belfast and we had to choose between the Titanic Museum and the Black Cabs. We choose the Titanic Museum. It was va aluable experience.

On Sunday we stayed in Dublin a first of all, we visited the Dublin Castle, it was quite interesting as we learnt something about history of Dublin. After that we moved to the Guinness Museum, we received our tickets and started the tour. There are like six floors with lot of information and photos.

After that we visited the restaurant, where we tried the famous Guinness black beer. It is better that Czech beer, but I am not that familiar with beers. And that was end of our tour, later that day, we visited some shops and explored the city.



### **David Klimeš**

Dublin is a city rich in history and culture, with many iconic sights and attractions to explore. The Guinness Storehouse is a must-visit attraction, where you can learn about the history of Ireland's most famous beer and enjoy stunning views of the city from the Gravity Bar. The Luas tram system is particularly convenient for getting around the city centre quickly and easily. Dublin is a great city for shopping, with a range of high-end stores, boutiques, and markets to explore. Grafton Street is a popular shopping destination, with many well-known brands and department stores. Me personally, I travelled to work on bus number 75 and to the town centre on bus n. 49 or 65. It was possible to go there by Greenline Luas. Often, the buses were 5-10 min late due to heavy traffic. I visited the Dundrum centre, one of the biggest in Europe. There were a lot of beautiful parks too.



### **Natálie Kmet'ová**

My main goal was to visit shops we don't have in Czech Republic and buy some souvenirs. I visited many shopping centres, for example: Jervis or Stephen's Green Shopping Centre. I went to the sea many times, on the first day I went for a while with my friends. We also went to Howth to see seals on the second week, but unfortunately didn't see any. We lived next to the Phoenix Park which is the largest walled park in Europe, and you can see deers there if you're lucky.



As for some sights in Dublin's city centre, I visited Temple Bar, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Oscar Wilde's Memorial, O'Connell Bridge and many more. On Saturday we travelled to Northern Ireland's capital, Belfast. At first, we went to the Titanic Museum which was amazing, then we went to the Dunluce Castle for a while and then travelled to Giant's Causeway. I loved it there because of the amazing view and the great weather, everything was really beautiful, and I will never forget this visit. On Sunday we went to the Dublin Castle, then we moved to the famous Guinness Storehouse which was nice and we got to taste the original pint of Guinness beer while enjoying the amazing view of Dublin.

### **Viktorie Kastroňová**

After work I always met with friends and went to a cafe for coffee or bought takeaway. Then we usually went to one of many parks in the centre where we talked about our day, watched people and enjoyed the atmosphere of the city. We also saw a lot of typical sights like Temple Bar, Trinity College



and others. We went by a Dart - their train - to the seaside which was really pretty, but really windy! I had a list of things we had to see in Dublin so we made a plan for each day to use our time well. I really recommend finding some interesting places in advance. We also went shopping in shops that we don't have in Brno and for souvenirs. My favourite place to visit was Grafton Street on which buskers are playing - it is a perfect place for people that enjoy live music and the great atmosphere of Dublin street music.

### **Jan Krejčí**

In the Dublin buses there are ports for HDMI cables so you can charge your phone whenever you are on the bus. But be cautious because there are some exceptions that don't have a cable port in it.

We visited Spire of Dublin, Phoenix Park, Dublin Castle, Guinness Storehouse, Giant's Causeway cliffs, Dunluce Castle. I highly recommend visiting the cliffs and the Guinness Storehouse where you can try their Irish Guinness beer. There are souvenir shops on every corner so you can spend your hard-earned money on some shirt that costs 45euros. I bought two hoodies :)

## Martin Krumpolc



Dublin is a city I've wanted to visit for a long time, so I already knew roughly what the city looks like and what to expect from Dublin. Still, I was surprised by how green Dublin is. Almost all of Dublin has parks next to each other, adding a touch of nature to the city. In the city there are not only many historical monuments, but also many interesting businesses. As for transport, you can get around Dublin by bus, and you can also take trains along the coast. The only downside is that the bus service is quite slow and takes an awful lot of time. There are USB sockets everywhere on buses, which has helped me a few times. Also worth mentioning is the weekend programme, when we went to Belfast, where we had the choice of going to the Titanic Museum or taking taxis for a guided tour. I would recommend going to the museum instead, as the tour wasn't very engaging. After a stop in Belfast, we took a trip to The Giant's Causeway to see the beauty of Northern Ireland's coastline.

On Sunday we had excursions in Dublin. First on the agenda was Dublin Castle, which was very interesting. From there, we then moved on to the Guinness Storehouse where we found out how Guinness is made and got to taste it right away. We had the rest of the day free, which we took advantage of and explored places we hadn't been before.

## Karolína Kuncová

Dublin is a city with many parks, many lovely parks. The following three ones are my most favourite. Merrion Square Park is a nice place where you can spend time with your friends and get good food. On Every Thursday there are food trucks where you can buy street food from all over the world. There is also a statue of Oscar Wilde. Whether you like this statue or not I leave up to you. Trinity College Dublin is a university campus open to the public. Trinity College is the most prestigious university in



Dublin. The buildings of Trinity College are magnificent. In this place you can visit the old library where you can see many old books (one of them is e. g. Books of Kells) or you can wander around the campus. The third park is the biggest park in Europe. It's Phoenix park. This park is good for long walks where you can spot deers. I recommend the walks there. In the

Phoenix park you can also find Dublin zoo (but I haven't visited the zoo so I don't know what it is like).

My other favourite places in Dublin that I recommend to visit are these. National Gallery of Ireland is a gallery where you can see original paintings of Edgar Degas, Maurice Marinot, Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet or William John Leech. If you like museums and galleries this is definitely the place you shouldn't miss. It has one more advantage: the gallery is free of charge. St. Patrick's Church is the second largest church in Dublin after the the Christ Church Cathedral. Around St. Patrick's Church there is a nice park where you can sit and admire the beauty of the church.

### **Daniela Lengalová**

Although it didn't seem like it, those two weeks went go by in a flash. When I was at work from morning to afternoon, I didn't have much time for bigger trips. It's nice to go for a walk around the neighbourhood and explore where you live. I lived near Howth and I recommend to make a trip there. It's really a beautiful place and it's worth to see the seaport with all of the ships.

At the weekend all of us went to Northern Ireland together. Apart from the Titanic museum we also visited Giant's causeway. It was the most beautiful place I've ever seen. We were lucky to have nice weather, which made it all more enjoyable.

If I could recommend one thing, it would be this. Try to explore without the Internet. Every lunch break I tried to find a nice place to have lunch or just sit down. For me, it was much more magical than finding a restaurant on the Internet. Most of the time I was able to find some nice place that I probably wouldn't have found using Google maps.



### **Nikolas Mahovský**

I think I did lots of things in my free time. I walked through Dublin centre a lot, went shopping - JD sports or Footlocker were the best ones for me. They offer the newest streetwear fashion trends, so it is a little pricier, anyway I think checking these out is worth it. I met new people from all over the world. Me and my friends also visited a lot of churches, parks and famous places in Dublin (Temple Bar, Trinity College, ..). We sadly didn't have enough time to go into the zoo. But we visited Dublin Castle which was really interesting. On Saturday our whole group went on a trip and visited the Titanic Museum, Belfast and the Giant's Causeway. From the start we thought that we wouldn't enjoy the view from cliffs that we headed to, but as soon as we got off the bus, clouds went away and sun started shining. We enjoyed this trip very much, bought a lot of souvenirs and gained many memories.



## **Ondřej Matvšek**

In my free time, I was exploring the city and discovering its many attractions. Dublin is a vibrant and dynamic city, with a rich history and culture. Here are some things you can do: 1. Visit the Guinness Storehouse and learn about the history of Ireland's famous beer. 2. Explore the historical sites, such as Dublin Castle, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Trinity College. 3. Take a stroll along the River Liffey and admire the city's beautiful architecture. 4. Shop for souvenirs and local products at the many markets and boutiques in the city. 5. Try traditional Irish music at one of the many pubs around town. 6. Enjoy the city's parks and green spaces, such as St. Stephen's Green and Phoenix Park. 7. Use the public transportation system, including buses and trains, to explore nearby areas and attractions.

## **Linda Molnárová**

In my free time I usually visited some new places, shopping centres and Temple Bar. We went on trips with teachers. My favourite one was Giant's Causeway. The view was breathtaking. Even the weather was nice, the sun was shining so it wasn't cold. Me and my friends went to Howth. It is island near Dublin, something about 1 hour with Dart. Unfortunately, we didn't see sea lions. We went on walk and some guy started to talk to us, he told us that he was born in Brno and he knew how to say few phrases. We tasted the most famous fish and chips there. It tasted good.



The price of food, clothes or just stuff are more expensive than in Czechia. For example, cheese was 3 EUR. But I really love their second hands. The selection was different and unique. Because they don't really cook food like us in Czechia, there were lots of fast foods. On every corner there was Subway or Mc Donald's, even some of them are not in the Czech Republic. People were kind, when I didn't know how to get somewhere, I asked one lady and she was excited to help me. Eventually we figured out the way. She was so sweet.

## **Tereza Ondráčková**

After work, I never went straight home. Most of the days the weather was nice so I explored the city centre. I usually walked everywhere, or I used the bus or the tram Luas. I went to all the gift shops I could find, sat in a lot of cafes, walked through a few bookshops, and tried to visit every park. My favourite places were: St Stephen's Green – a beautiful park with lots of



ponds and pretty trees and flowers, Hodges Figgis – a fascinating bookstore with thousands of books, Costa Coffee – a cosy place to visit if you're waiting for the weather to change and you like caramel latte, St. Patrick's Park – also a gorgeous park with a beautiful fountain and a cathedral next to it, Grafton Street – street with a lot of shops and talented buskers, Trinity Collage – an interesting college campus with an old library, O'Connell street – street with the Spire of Dublin and GPO museum in it. The city centre is always full of people, so I recommend

visiting some tourist attractions near the sea. The sea might be colder than we are used to but it's beautiful to look at.

### **Eliška Pospíšilová**

I spend my free time after work by visiting the city centre with my classmate Zuzka. We went to famous places, such as Temple Bar, O'Connell's bridge or many of the parks located there. Dublin is a really beautiful city, and it has a lot to offer for everyone. The transport is mainly by buses or by Dart. Dart is their city train which goes from the North of the city to the very south. You can visit places like Graystones or Howth, where you can see live seals and get a really beautiful view of the coast. If you are looking for something in the centre I would really recommend Phoenix park. It is really big and offers in-line lanes for cycling (you can rent a bike for a really cheap price almost everywhere), roller skaters or just walking. Phoenix park also has these small forests and big meadow where you can spot herds of deers. Apparently, there are almost 600 of them. If you are really lucky you can even get close to them but I would not recommend petting them because it can be stressful for them.



### **Anna Sajvaldová**

I got a lot done in my spare time. I went shopping (Urban Outfitters is the best shop with clothing in my opinion, it is a bit pricy, but it's worth it), I tasted interesting traditional foods, I met new people, but what I enjoyed most was discovering historical monuments and beautiful Irish nature. I found a wonderful sandy beach, from which I brought a lot of beautiful shells, my friends and I visited a lot of parks and churches. In my opinion, St Stephen's Green Park was the most beautiful. I recommend finding the places you want to visit in advance and not



looking for them blindly. I'm sad that I didn't visit Dublin Zoo, which I was really looking forward to, but unfortunately, I didn't have enough time.



On Saturday we as the whole school group visited the Titanic Museum, Belfast and the Giant's causeway. The cliffs were beautiful, and I would like to visit them at least once more in my life. A big plus was the weather, which was not at all in our favour at the beginning, but as soon as we got off the bus, the sun came out, and we could look forward to pleasant warmth and a beautiful view.

### **Zuzana Serbajlová**

In my free time in Dublin I mostly explored the city with my friends. We visited some famous tourist places, for example Trinity College and the beautiful library inside, Phoenix park where we saw the deers and we stood really close to them, Grafton street where we heard some really good musical street performers, St. Stephen's Green where we had a picnic, Temple Bar and the streets near it. We also visited Howth, however it was really windy the day we were there, but it was still a beautiful place. We went to multiple gift shops, especially Carolls. I really loved the funny souvenirs with a leprechaun theme. We also went to Pennies and bought some cheap cosmetics and clothes. There was also a weekend programme. On Saturday we went to see Belfast, especially the Titanic museum, which was really interesting and sad. Then we went to see Giant's Causeway. We took the longer walk to get there and the scenery with the cliffs and the sea was really beautiful, so I would recommend taking the longer way. On Sunday, we went to the Dublin Castle and listened to the interesting history not only of the castle, but also Dublin overall. The interior was so beautiful and fancy. Then we went to the Guinness museum of beer. You could have one free beer in a bar with a scenic view of the whole city, however I couldn't try it since I am not eighteen yet, although I've heard It's not very good. My favourite dish that I've tried was fish and chips, but it was very expensive. I still think everyone should try it.



## Matváš Smékal



Dublin is the capital city of Ireland and the largest city on the island. It is a vibrant city that offers a unique blend of modernity and tradition. Dublin is located on the east coast of Ireland, with the River Liffey running through its centre. Its rich cultural history dates back over a thousand years. From the ancient Viking settlement of the 9th century to the Georgian architecture of the 18th century, Dublin is a city steeped in history and culture. It is also famous for its nightlife, with a thriving pub culture and a lively music scene. You will find traditional Irish pubs, where locals and tourists can enjoy a pint of Guinness and some traditional Irish music. The city is also home to many trendy bars, nightclubs, and restaurants that cater to a more modern crowd. Dublin is a city of contrasts, with modern skyscrapers towering over historic landmarks. It is a city that offers something for everyone, whether you're interested in history, culture, music, food, or nightlife. Dublin is a must-visit place.

I tried to explore Dublin as much as I could, despite the little amount of time I had. It is a very beautiful city wherever you look. Two weeks was definitely not enough time for me to fully appreciate everything the city has to offer. The bottom line is that the trip was very good, but you can't judge until you tried the same. So, I encourage you to go, try and learn when you are abroad.

## Nela Sysová

After our job ended, we always met up at the park with my friends to explore Dublin. We went almost everywhere (we covered 130 kilometres in the 14 days, so it's understandable for us to be everywhere :) The parks were very beautiful, and I loved the sakura trees the most. It was such a vibe to go there and just lay on the grass.

We also visited many sights such as Temple Bar, Dublin Castle, the Spire, and many more. I loved how there were coffee shops at every corner because I love coffee. We travelled by double-deckers, trains, and trams. At first, it was so weird that they drive on the other side of the road, but we got used to it very quickly. So, everything was super nice, and I really enjoyed it. It was the best I could hope for.



## **Daniela Šelleová**

During our free time, it was completely up to us how we spent our time. Some of us decided to go sightseeing, others did a little bit of shopping and some decided to engage in a different fun.

Even when on a tight budget, Dublin offers lots of fun free of charge, such as museums, galleries, memorials, beautiful old libraries or botanic gardens. You could visit multiple glorious churches, that are quite a sight even for people of other or no beliefs. In one of them you can even see St. Valentine's heart, whose remains are placed all over the world, his shoulder blade even in Prague.

If you would rather avoid rush in the city, you could visit parks or beaches. Wild animals in these places are very docile and used to visiting humans, so you can come really close to them. Due to this, at Phoenix Park you can come close to wild deers and at Howth you can even feed the seals, if you are willing to buy them food at the stand or in a shop. You can also discover various suburbs, as they all differ and each of them offer new experiences.



Traveling through Dublin can be quite tricky, but it is very easy to get used to and soon you'll learn the easiest means to travel.

## **Lenka Urbanová**

Dublin is lovely city with lots of trees, parks and places all people should see at least once in a life. Me and my friend met up every day after work and went somewhere. My favourite place was Howth. Howth is a really nice peninsula in the north west of Dublin. We took train to get there from the city centre and then we walked around for hours. I swam in the ocean so that was really funny. I was cold afterwards but it was worth it! We took many other little trips in the city centre, went to see the ocean once again and just had fun in Dublin.

I was surprised how nice Irish people are. They have unique sense of humour which is very funny to me, would help you with anything and are just sweethearts.

## **Hynek Žebráček**

I spent my leisure time seeing the city and going to several of its attractions. One of my favourite locations was Malahide, which has a stunning coastline. It was breathtakingly beautiful, and the peace and quiet provided a welcome respite from the bustling of the city. I also went to Trinity College, which was an amazing experience. There, I saw the renowned Book of Kells and the Long Room Library. The Guinness Storehouse and St. Patrick's Cathedral are just a few of the lively sites in Dublin that I liked seeing.



# **Conclusion**

## **Eva Bartošková**

Dublin truly captured my heart during my free time there. From the lively city streets to the natural beauty of Howth and the peacefulness of Phoenix Park, every moment was filled with joy and discovery. Exploring, making friends, and embracing the city's transportation system all contributed to an enriching and fulfilling experience that I will cherish for years to come.

## **Zuzana Břoušková**

Overall it was a great experience and I would recommend it to everyone and no one needs to be afraid. I was very stressed before we arrived but everyone was very nice and helped me when I needed it.

## **Lucie Jedličková**

This internship gave me a lot. A lot of new experience, new friends, adventure and mostly lot of fun. I would highly recommend it to everyone who has that chance. Take it.

## **Viktorie Kastroňová**

During our internship I worked in a great company, I saw a lot of different parts of Dublin, got to know its culture and met some really openhearted and cool people. It has been one of the best experiences in my life so far!

## **Ondřej Matyšek**

My internship in Dublin was an exciting and rewarding experience. I had the opportunity to gain valuable work experience, learn about a new culture, and explore a city full of energy and enthusiasm.



## **Lenka Urbanová**

I am so glad I got the opportunity to come to Dublin with Erasmus and I think it was a lifetime experience for me!

## **Hynek Žebráček**

In conclusion, my time in Dublin was a wonderful opportunity for me to experience another culture, obtain real-world work experience, and discover a dynamic city. I learned the value of collaboration and communication during my internship at Ingenio Global,





and I hope to use these skills in my future job. My trip to Dublin was made memorable by my stay with a Croatian family, which was a singular experience that extended my perspectives. I also had time to explore the city's various attractions. Staying in Dublin for an internship as a Brno Erasmus student was a distinctive and thrilling experience.

**Laura Martínková**

I would like to describe my internship in Ireland with a word that my supervisor was very fond of using. In short, LOVELY. For me, it was such a very pleasant plunge into the reality of an adult spiced with the atmosphere of a completely foreign environment. It was beautiful to discover all the differences and then on the other side to see what we have in common.



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