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Project title: How We Can Do It!

Venue: Prencov, Slovakia

Sending Organisation: Language Academy Wales

Receiving Organisation: Art Circle

Participating countries: Wales, Slovakia, Italy, Austria, Romania, Bulgaria, Ireland, Portugal

Total No. of Participants: 30

Activities:

Throughout the project we had many different activities. These ranged from organized workshops surrounding the perma-culture lifestyle to different gardening lessons. Each day would start with breakfast and followed by services and care activities – taking care of the camp, cleaning or preparing the day's exercises. The first week was mainly pre-planned by the organizers however as time progressed, we were able to lead our own sessions for the group. These activities included music workshops and aerobics. There were also two excursions to the near city where we hiked to a lake at the top of the hill and visited the centre for pizza and souvenirs. In the last couple of days, we put on a two-day event for the community, inviting children and family to take part in some activities.

This was a fantastic experience for me and I definitely recommend it. Not only is it a free way of seeing Slovakia, but the skills you learn and the people you meet are great. As there is such a range of countries attending, you can really build connections and learn about so many cultures at once. Each country had to give a presentation to the group about their country, and this was a nice way of understanding their background and seeing glimpses of their country.

This project will help me in the future as I have developed a new set of skills and experiences. I have connected with people from across Europe and learned a lot about their countries. For many of the participants, this was their first time outside of the country so it gave many the experience of living away from home and dealing with those issues. The two-day event was the biggest learning experience for me, as I was co-ordinating the entire event and I had to ensure it ran smoothly. I learned to work well with others and had to make quick decisions and be flexible with the planning. This certainly helped to develop my communication skills as well as leadership skills which will certainly help me later in life.



