



Meeting in Edinburgh 27.03.-31.03.2014 – a student's impression

Edinburgh 2014- between saving *Comland* and dancing at a ceilidh...

I can tell I was lucky for two times: We as the Stuttgart group were not only hosts for many young and motivated students from many different countries in Europe...five girls (including me)and one boy from Stuttgart had the chance to represent our school in Edinburgh!

The choice who would fly to Scotland was not easy as there were lots of students wanting to spend a weekend in Edinburgh...By lot the group of six was chosen and excited to start their journey (even though we missed a whole day because of the strike at the airport...)

To resume the weekend in a sentence it can be said that everything we did was worth it. Working on different topics concerning the decision-making in the EU or discussing about the recycling policy helped us to get to know the other participants better and gave us an impression about how difficult it might be for the EU-politicians to find a solution to difficult questions.

When the "work" was done and all the problems of *comland* were finally solved our hosts and the Scottish teachers showed us their beautiful city. We were impressed by the castle for example even though the view was kind of bad as it was very foggy...But lucky as we were we had not much rain so we had already seen the city from another hill the other night. What is more I enjoyed the trips with the whole group as you could just talk to people in your age about everything you want and get in touch with many different nations at the same time (...also good for our English skills!).

The event that I mentioned the most when I came home and told about the days in Edinburgh was the Ceilidh-party where we were taught how to dance the Scottish or even Irish way. This evening was awesome and there was so much fun!

All in all I can just thank all of the families for their hospitality and the teachers for organizing a weekend which was a great experience for all of us! It is a gift to spend a weekend with so many youths and find new friends from all over Europe. From my personal experience I can tell that the friendships are not over after this single weekend! I already met a friend again...

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