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# My first day in Ireland

## **INDUCTION MEETING WITH ADC COLLEGE**

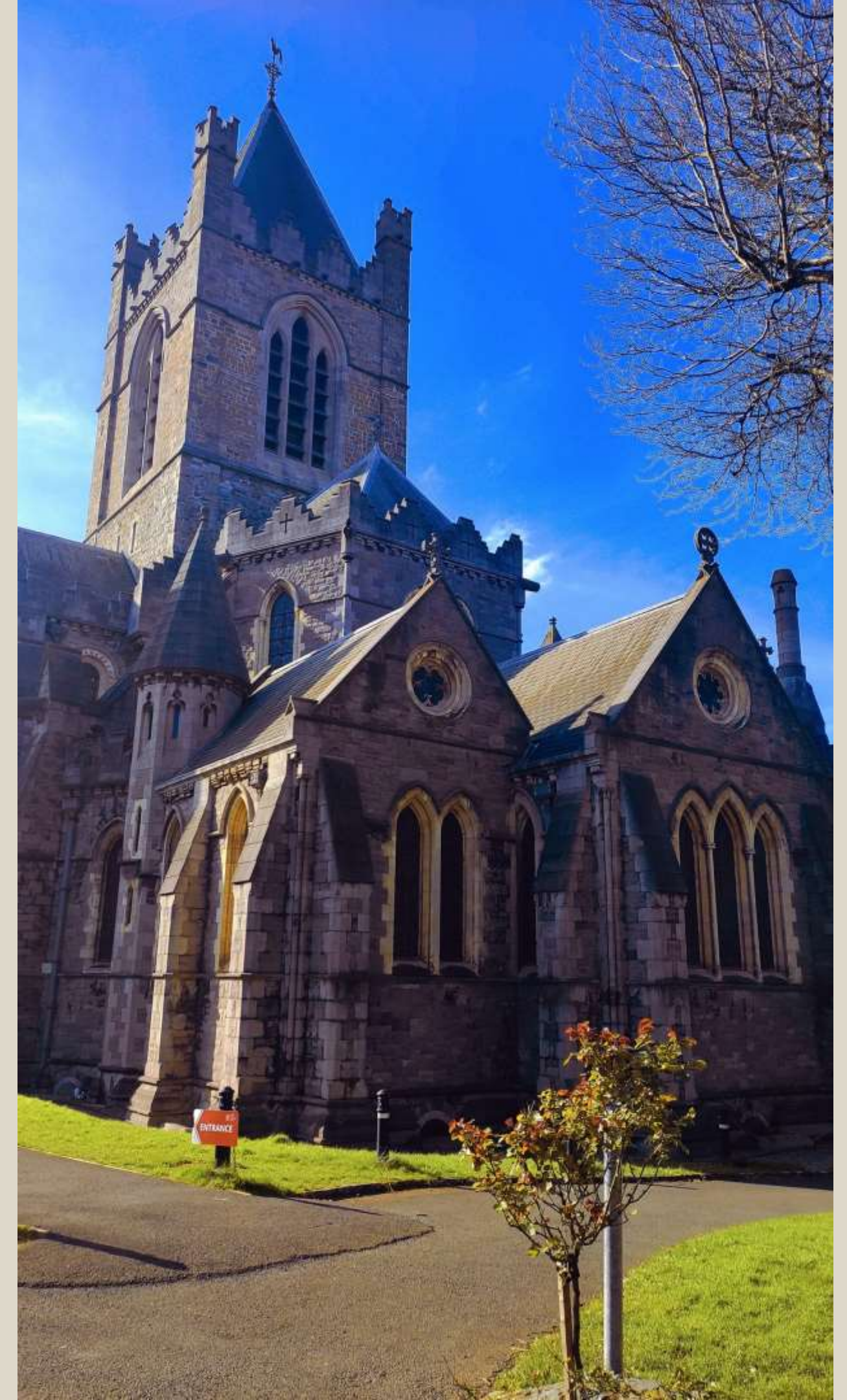
The meeting was extremely good for the introduction to the Ireland because none of us had been to Dublin before, so during this meeting it was explained to us how things work in this city. Ms. Martina from ADC told us various interesting things about Irish culture, how to travel around Dublin and also recommended places that we can visit during our internship.

## **MEETING WITH HOST FAMILY**

Upon arrival, our host Emer welcomed us and explained a few rules that we must follow during our stay. Our host family was very friendly and nice, although we didn't talk very often, they always asked us how our day was.

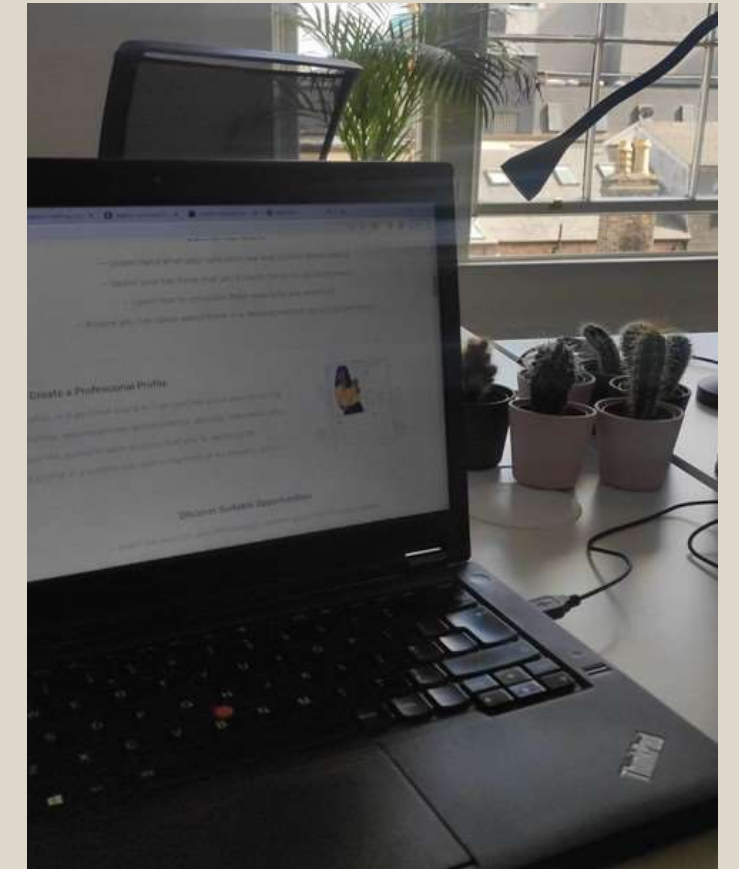
## **TRAVELLING IN IRELAND**

On the first day, my classmates and I went to see the city center where we saw a lot of beautiful places such as very famous Temple Bar, Ha'penny bridge and Christ Church Cathedral and we also visited our workplaces, so that we could travel there next day without any problems.



# My work experience

I was working in the company Ingenio that recruits for SaaS businesses across Sales, Software, Product and Leadership roles. They also have Ingenio learning program that provides career coaching for people who want to work in the technology industry.

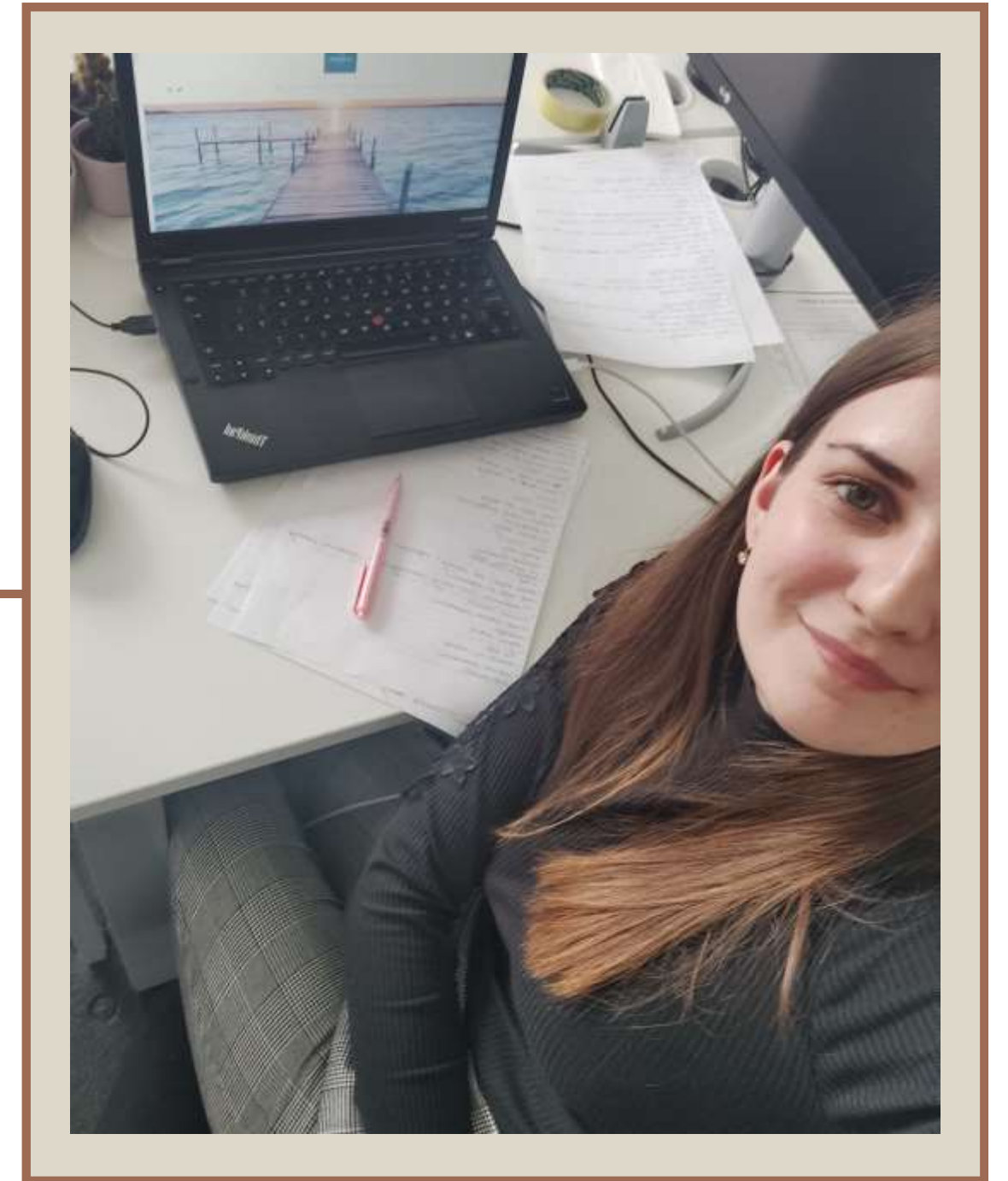


# MY WORK EXPERIENCE

## Activities



The content of my work during two weeks at Ingenio was doing market research. I was looking for possible applicants for their career coaching and also companies that deal with this program. After I found all the necessary information, together with another intern from Germany, I made a presentation in which we were supposed to show what we found out and what we would improve on the Ingenio website.



# MY WORK EXPERIENCE

## Supervisor and skills

My supervisor Louise was always helpful during my internship, no matter what problem I came to her with, she explained politely how to do it. I have always understood almost everything from her, even though she has a typical Irish accent, I have never had any problem with communication. When she needed to go somewhere, we wrote to each other via WhatsApp and agreed on what to do.

During this internship, I definitely acquired better communication skills because I had the opportunity to communicate constantly, either with my supervisor or the director of Ingenio but also with another intern. On Thursdays, they have catch up call where they tell each other what they have done for the given week and what they have to do in the next week, I had the opportunity to see how it goes in business life and what it all entails.



# Contribution for my future career and study



Since we had to work on our own in Ireland, I think it gave us a lot of courage and independence. I had to communicate with supervisor on a daily basis, which I think helped me to be more confident in communicating in a foreign language. Before the internship, I couldn't even imagine walking around such a big city alone, and I found that it's not difficult at all. If I had the opportunity to study abroad, I would definitely not hesitate because the only place where I can improve English language is to travel to an English-speaking country and use the language all the time. Although I still don't know what I want to do in the future, while I was working in Ingenio I had the opportunity to see how those people enjoy the work and that it is really important to choose a job that I will be happy to go to.

# Diversity



## BEHAVIOUR

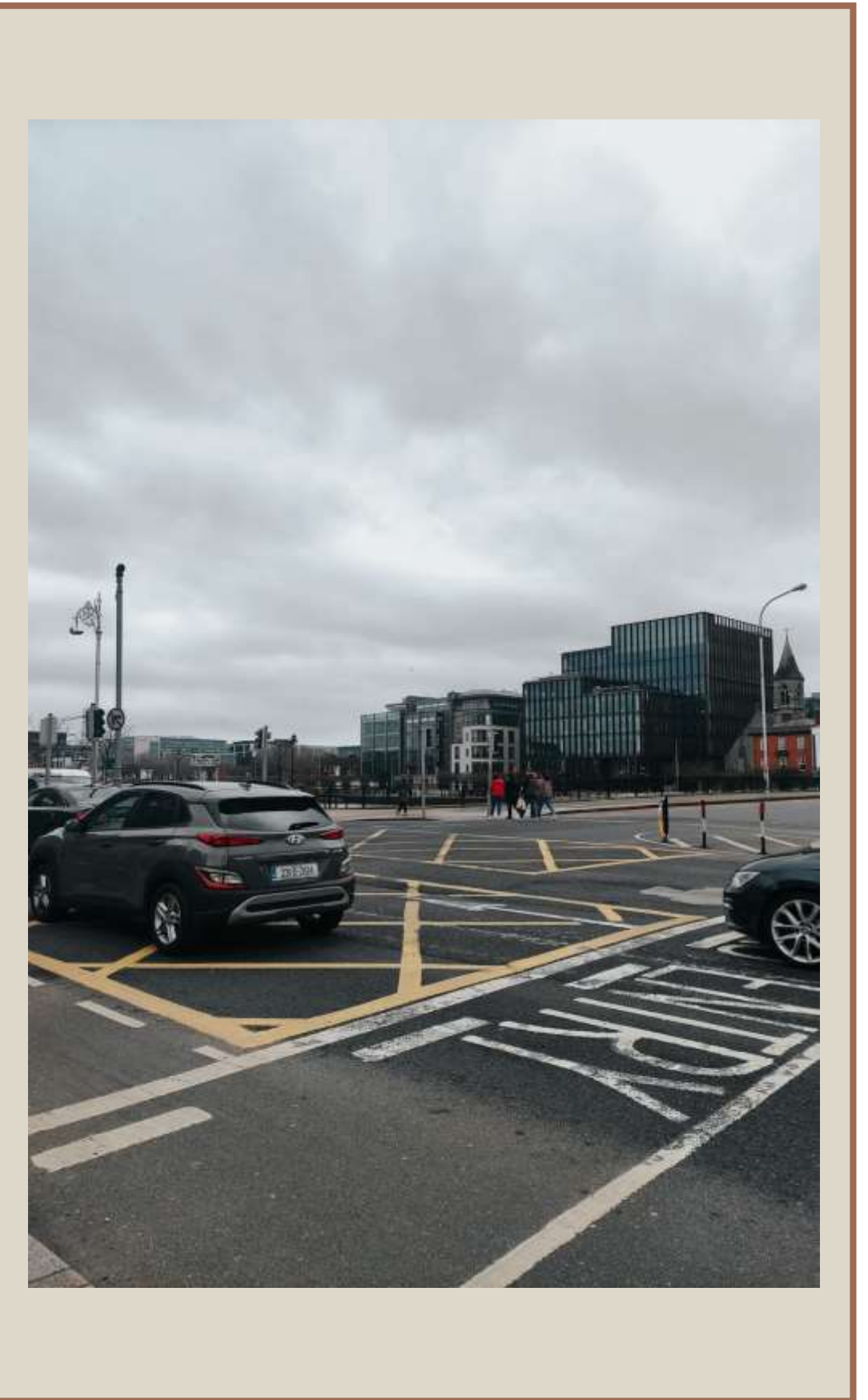
Compared to our country, people in Ireland are much more smiling and communicative than people here. In Ireland, people have no problem to help you with anything. When I talked to the boss in my company, he helped me find places that I should definitely visit in Ireland during my internship, while here in Slovakia, many people wouldn't be so helpful.

## FOOD

In the case of food, I can't fault our Slovak cuisine. I missed our traditional soups that were hard to find in Ireland. We had the same breakfast every day, which is also atypical for us, and for lunch I mostly went for a sandwich because it was difficult to find any cooked food. For dinner, we mostly had some kind of pasta, and twice our host family cooked us an Irish stew which was delicious.

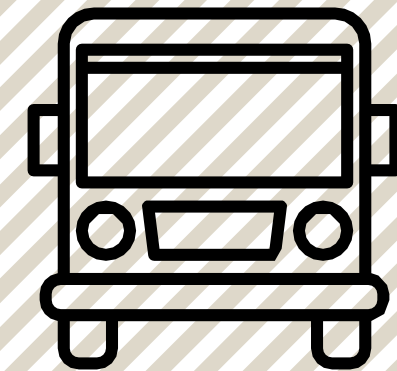
## COMMUNICATION

There was no problem with communication at all, although many people had Irish accent they had no problem to repeat you something if you didn't understand, as for the people in Slovakia, they are not as tolerant of foreigners as the Irish.



# The message for future students in mobility

If I had the opportunity to travel somewhere abroad again, I would definitely try to communicate more with the host family because you can learn a lot of new things about culture, customs and traditions. I am glad that we always met with classmates after work and were in the city center for a while and enjoyed its atmosphere.





# Why would I recommend this work experience for other students?

To have such an opportunity is really very special and to try life in another country for two weeks was a great adventure. I found a new friend from Germany with whom I communicated all the time, and we always had something to talk about. I learnt to communicate as much as possible because I knew that I was there only for two weeks and I wanted to take my English to a higher level. Since I had a job far away from others, I couldn't meet them during lunch breaks, so I learnt to be more independent.



"The distinction between  
assistant and intern is a  
simple one: assistants are  
paid, interns are not. But of  
course interns are paid in  
experience."

-Joyce Carol Oates