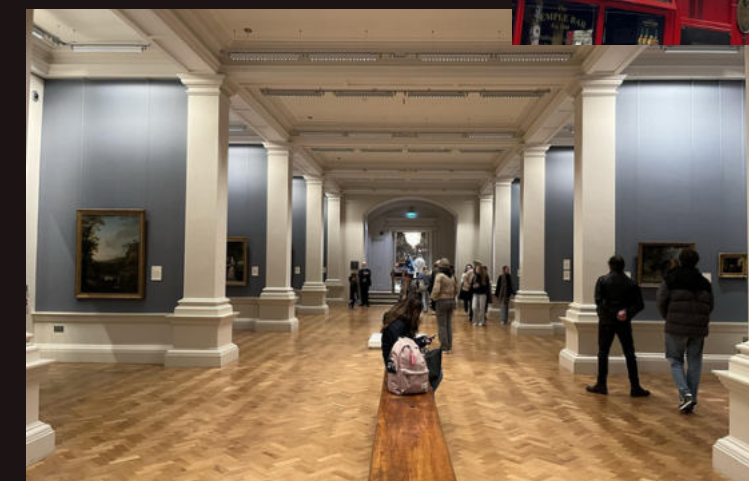


WORK EXPERIENCE AS A NEW WAY TO SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND SELF- KNOWLEDGE.

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MY FIRST DAY IN IRELAND



INTRODUCTION MEETING

It was a brief gathering. It informed us about cultural differences that might occur, transport in Dublin and work environment. The ADC College was available for us all the time, helpful and very informative.

OUR HOST FAMILY

Our first meeting was nothing but pleasant. The host lady described the rules we would follow and was very welcoming and so was family dog.

TRAVELLING

On the very first day, we explored a little bit of the town while trying to travel to our jobs. The transport in Dublin was quite confusing at first.

MY WORK EXPERIENCE

ABOUT WORKHUB

Workhub Dublin provides professionals with a collaborative setting and amenities like workstations, conference spaces, and networking possibilities. In a city known for its business prospects and thriving professional community, it offers a flexible and welcoming workspace option.





My main responsibility was to gather and sort envelopes. I would go to the post office to mail letters, including those with various requirements for shipping to nations outside the EU. I would frequently scan the envelopes, arrange them, and occasionally engage with consumers. I would also mail letters through the mailbox.

WORK ACTIVITIES



SKILLS LEARNT

I have learned how to use the program Keap. In addition to that, I have learned how the post office works outside of my home country, and my English listening skills have improved. I am now able to understand multiple accents.

My supervisor was incredibly helpful and understanding. When I first arrived here, I was afraid of making mistakes, however, she consistently maintained a composed demeanor and refrained from creating undue concern over minor mistakes. There was a habit of this company to provide its employees with donuts every Thursday.





CONTRIBUTION FOR MY FUTURE CAREER AND STUDY



This experience has provided me with valuable knowledge. It allowed me to experience international differences, showcasing my adaptability. Moreover, I underwent significant personal development, becoming more independent, resilient, and proactive through my time living in a foreign country. Additionally, it enhanced my communication and negotiation skills. Importantly, I also gained clarity on what I don't want to do in life, which is just as crucial as figuring out what you want.



DIVERSITY

Compared to Slovakia, people in Ireland are generally more friendly and willing to help you. The cuisine in Ireland is quite different. Breakfast often being monotonous meal, while dinner holds greater significance.

I had a chance to experience their Easter holidays, which were distinct from those in Slovakia. While both genders engage in egg hunting in Ireland, women in Slovakia are traditionally whipped and thrown into a bath.

Further more, in Slovakia, it is polite to ask if a seat is taken, whereas in Ireland, it is not the norm. At first, I perceived this a rudeness, but later I realized it to be a cultural difference.



THE MESSAGE FOR FUTURE STUDENTS IN MOBILITY

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There is no reason to feel worried. Everyone in Ireland is really kind and hospitable. If you are concerned about the job you might get, that's the last thing you should worry about. Almost everyone was satisfied with their job. Moreover, try to be understanding and open-minded, as everyone comes from different backgrounds.



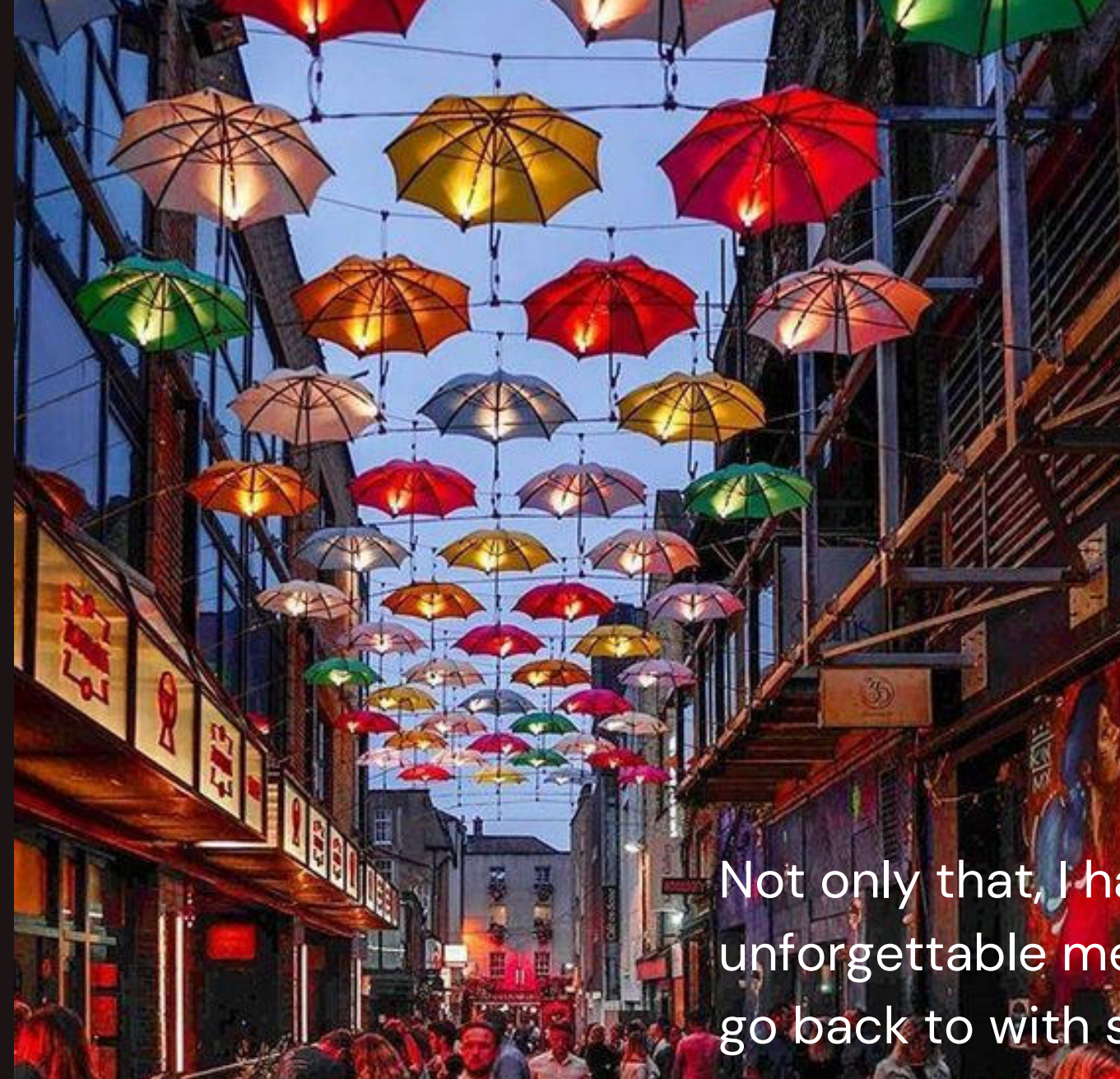
Do not hesitate to ask for help, as people are more than willing to assist you. At work, even if you have completed your assigned tasks, ask if there are any more tasks you can assist with. Additionally, try to avoid going out at night as it can be dangerous. And of course, try to make as many memories as possible!

I would also recommend to visit Saint Patrick's Cathedral as it was the most calming and beautiful thing in Dublin. Can't miss out on Howth as well.





WHY RECOMMEND?



Not only that, I have made unforgettable memories that I'll go back to with smile on my face.

As I mentioned, Erasmus+ has given me the opportunity to experience cultural diversity, language barriers, new cuisine, and a new outlook on life. If you're unsure about your future path, you will find at least a part of your answer here.

Thank you for
listening!

Don't hesitate to ask any questions!

