

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

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welcome to IRELAND



THE FIRST DAY IN DUBLIN

The first day we've got an introduction meeting with ADC college, where they brought us to living in Ireland. The lady briefly told us how to travel with all the means of transport, what we should be avoiding but also encouraged us not to be afraid. Talk to people, enjoy Dublin she also recommended some places to visit. To be honest, my first meeting with host family was not really nice as there were some misunderstandings but as soon as it was solved meeting with my second host family was really amazing we talked the whole evening. Regarding travelling, the most easiest way to go mainly to the city centre is by Luas - tram. I've been keeping lost first three days, when I was supposed to go by bus, as I had to take at least two. But it is all about habit, you can get use to it.

Thing that kinda surprised me in the best way possible, was saying thank you while getting off the bus. Really nice habit.

Work experience IN KEANE THOMPSON

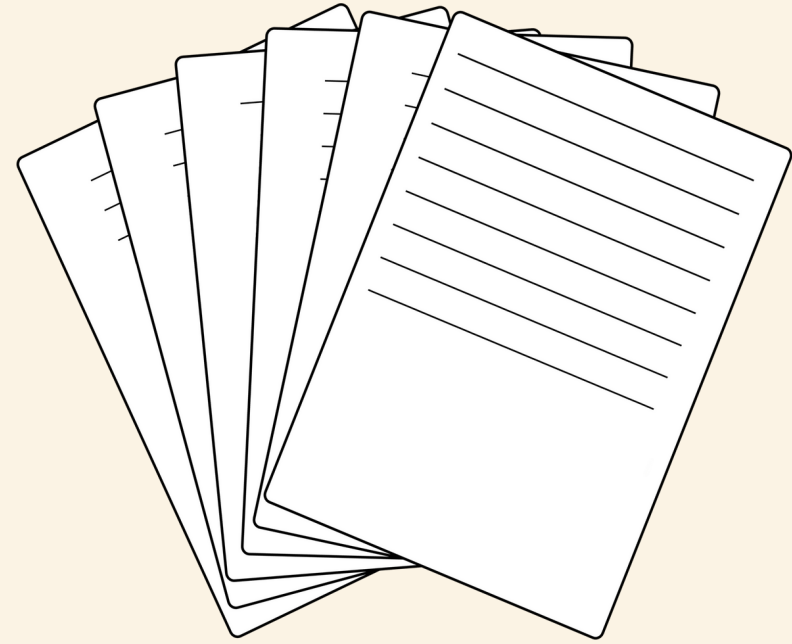
So, I worked in real estate agency. There's briefly described what are they focusing on. Valuation of properties – they try to take into consideration everything when valuing a property – possible extensions, attic conversions, refurbishment, parking, access to public transport etc.

Also they specialize as a Buyer Agency and have completed many purchases for their also overseas clients. The service includes sourcing, viewing and negotiating for suitable properties on client's behalf. In general their job is to offer clients suitable sales and marketing advices so they can tailor a campaign that matches client's property. Of course there are many other things they do, there is just a small preview.

This is how my office looked like :)



Skills LEARNT



We also had a work dog!

What I did most of the time was sorting documents out according to years, scan them and putting into database in computer. Even if it is not really enjoyable activity, I kind of enjoyed that thanks to my amazing colleagues. Also it helped me to improve some basic skills with database. Another activity I tried was writing business letters and chart. I've got better in English letters (at least I think so) and the last but not least they gave me opportunity to try a call with costumer. Even I was really stressed and nervous I am glad I tried that. :) I surely did improve my language skills and communication in general.



Meet Roxy!



Colleagues & supervisor

My colleagues were absolute sweethearts! They were always willing to help with everything I asked about, without making me feel dumb even if the task given was sometimes really easy. I didn't talk to my supervisor everyday as she was usually very busy - not surprising when she is the owner. But the woman - Shauna - was her deputy in case of her absence. So she was basically my mentor watching and checking if everything's okay. But the whole team of Keane Thompson was profoundly amazing and made me feel welcomed and also comfortable. I have never felt like I am not worthy enough because they're on higher position.



HELEN

SHAUNA



Contribution to my life

Definitely it helped me to be more open and confident in English, which was really needed. Also I've gained much knowledge about how real estate agencies work as I haven't really known before that specifically, what is needed if you want to rent a apartment etc. So maybe that may be useful in the future, but for now getting confident in English and gaining more knowledge about general things and new vocabulary is enough for the Maturita exam for instance.



Diversity

They have really good relations between each other and I would not say they are gossiping as many people are used to in Slovakia – from my previous experience from practice in Slovakia, they are not complaining how much work they have to do, they work with enthusiasm. Also people in general are sooo so kind, to be honest I have never been to a country where people would be that nice. They're willing to help even if they are in rush. In buses I really like the habit of saying thank you to the driving when leaving the bus as I already mentioned. Also the drivers do not have any problems with helping you to find your direction or anything. In Slovakia they are tend to be ruder and not really welcoming to foreigners as many people do not speak English. Regarding food in Slovakia is main meal of the day I'd say lunch, cooked meal. But in Ireland they eat just sandwiches and panini and other similar stuff and they have cooked dinner. The food contains more meat that I am used to, to be honest , that's what I noticed in host family.

Our host “mum”



Advice to future applicants

1. whenever you have such an opportunity, do not think about it. GO!
2. Speak up for yourself. If there's something you cannot stand or you do not like , tell your teacher or mentor, do not be afraid! You are supposed to enjoy Erasmus+ not survive! :)
3. Talk to people a lot when abroad. Even to strangers. It's the best way how to improve your communication skills



DUBLIN CASTLE



HOWTH



TEMPLE BAR

Why should everyone try Erasmus+



1. Possibility to travel for free and see the world
2. Gaining so much experience not only from work environment but also from other people you meet
3. Meeting new people, creating many new friendship
4. Improve your language skills as well as other skills

Erasmus + is great but it's better to try it on your own :)



And possibility to see something as beautiful as these cliffs are

Thank you
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