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

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MY FIRST DAY IN IRELAND

- On my first day I attended the online induction meeting with the ADC College. I learned a lot of information not only about my workplace but also life in Dublin in general. In my opinion all the necessary information was well communicated and clear.
- My host family was incredibly welcoming, they showed us our room, gave us information about rules in their household and invited us for a tea and a chat.
- I found travelling in Dublin really easy, as we had our visitor leap cards and all we had to do was tap it to a sensor. I usually used the Laus services which is a tram line in Dublin. Although it tended to be crowded, it was quite fast and comfortable.



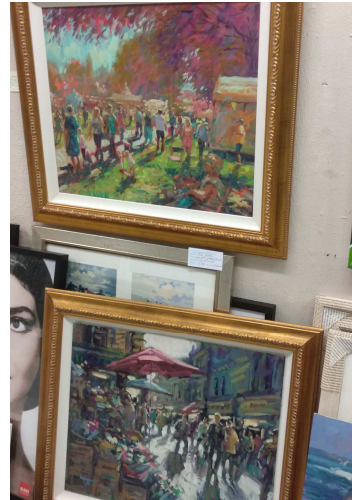
MY COMPANY

- o During my work experience I worked in a company called **The Green Gallery** located in the city centre's shopping centre St. Stephen's Green Shopping Centre. This gallery is focused on displaying and sale of contemporary art from both Irish and International artists.



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- During the first week of my work experience we did not do much administrative work, we framed pictures, talked to customers, handed out business cards and did more cleaning like vacuuming and cleaning the paintings.
- The second week we got to do more administrative tasks such as preparing packages, writing addresses and going to the post office while continuing with our previous tasks. We also started doing more promoting in the form of posting on the company's Instagram account.



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- Our supervisor was really nice towards us and explained our tasks clearly, however he tended to leave us alone in the gallery for long periods of time everyday.
- When it comes to my skills, what I practised the most is communication in a foreign language as we were in contact with customers all the time. I also learned all the requirements that need to be fulfilled when dealing with an order and sending a package via post office.



CONTRIBUTION FOR MY FUTURE CAREER AND STUDY

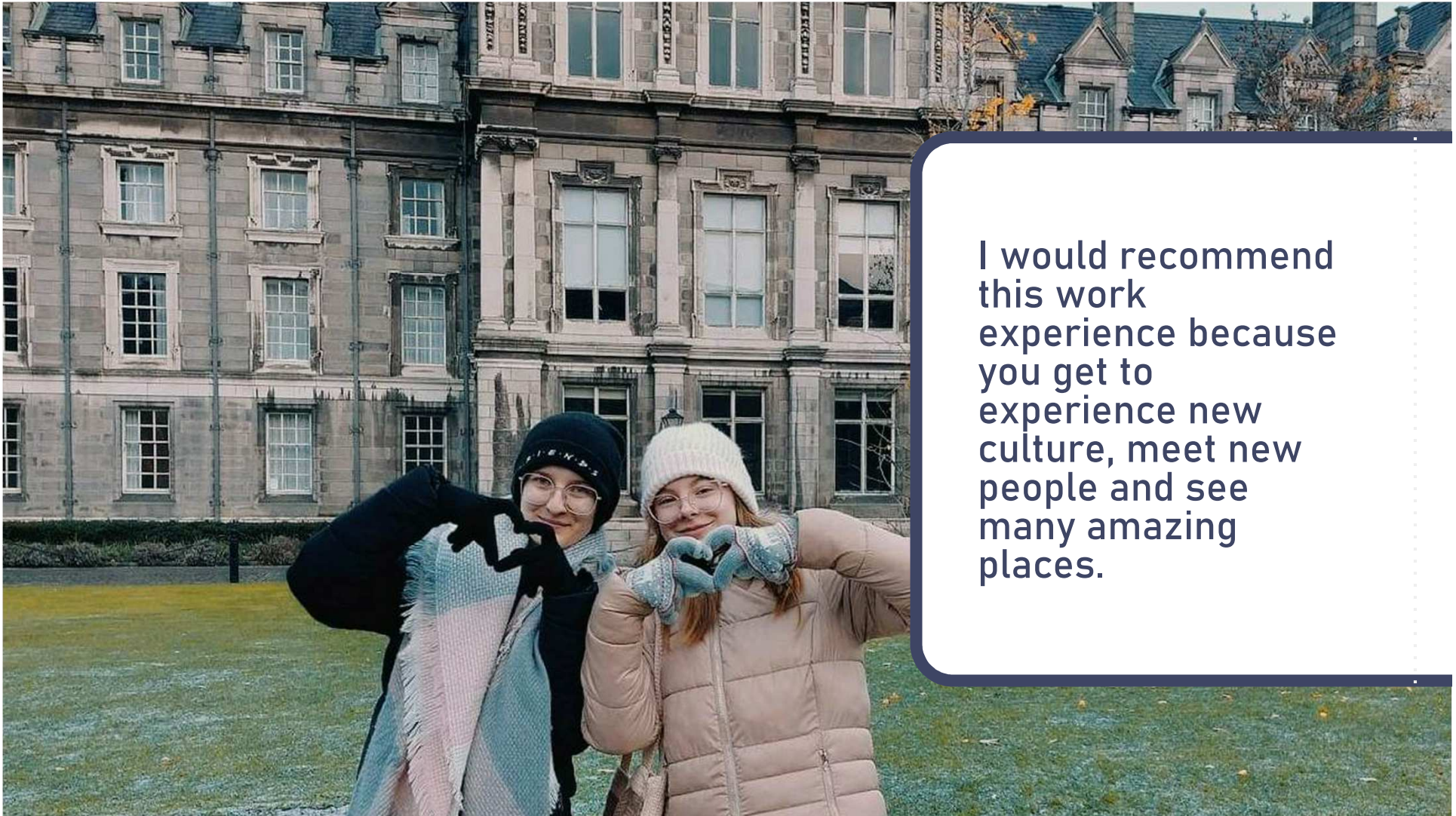
- According to me this experience will be a great addition to my CV, as my future employer will be able to clearly see that I had attended an internship in a foreign country, which might also be a confirmation of my language ability.
- Apart from this, I find the communication and practicing talking in a foreign language beneficial to my linguistic skills which might help me not only now, but also in the future.

DIVERSITY

- In my opinion Slovak and Irish culture are not that different but of course there are some differences such as every Irish person I had met during this work experience was really welcoming, talkative, nice and interested in starting a conversation. They always apologize, even in situations which do not require it. However on the other hand they can pick on you or make fun of you but all in the name of love and they don't really mean it.
- When it comes to food, the major difference is the fact that in Ireland the main meal of the day is the dinner whereas in Slovakia we consider lunch the main meal. Irish people eat a lot of mashed potatoes and boiled vegetable which wasn't any problem for me. They are also huge tea drinkers, so I was asked if I wanted a cup of tea several times a day.

THE MESSAGE FOR OTHER STUDENTS IN MOBILITY

- ✓ always communicate your problems with responsible people, don't keep them to yourselves, otherwise your experience will be negative
- ✓ don't be afraid of walking, as you get to see many interesting monuments and great architecture
- ✓ find smaller or more local restaurants as the prices tend to be quite high at tourist popular locations
- ✓ when going for two weeks, keep track of your leap cards, so you don't accidentally activate both of them and end up needing to buy a new one
- ✓ use Google Maps when walking to locations which you don't know to prevent getting lost
- ✓ when going in winter, bring warm clothes, because it gets really windy and freezing in Dublin
- ✓ don't bring too much clothing as there is a possibility to get your laundry washed in your host family
- ✓ visit all the places that you find interesting
- ✓ if it is possible try to engage with your host family and find out more about life in Ireland and how they find it as locals



I would recommend this work experience because you get to experience new culture, meet new people and see many amazing places.

**I AM GREATFUL I COULD
EXPERIENCE DUBLIN,
MEET AMAZING PEOPLE
AND LIVE THE CHRISTMAS
ATHMOSPHERE WICH THIS
CITY HAS**

