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MY WORK EXPERIENCE IN IRELAND

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MY FIRST DAY IN IRELAND



➤ Meeting our host family

On the first day of arrival in Ireland, taxis took us from the airport to the host families. Although our host mum wasn't at home when we got there, her neighbour kindly let us in. In the kitchen, a small snack, some sandwiches, was waiting for us on the table. As soon as our host mum arrived, she welcomed us warmly and made us feel like part of the home. We surprised her with small Slovak-themed gifts. The very next day, June 2nd, was a bank holiday in the country, so we had the opportunity to begin exploring the city of Dublin.



**(In Ireland, a bank holiday is a public holiday where banks and many other businesses are typically closed.)*





➤ Induction meeting



ADC College is an agency and language school in Dublin that cooperates with our school to help organize internships. The staff were friendly and their communication was clear and professional. We received all the necessary information, advice and contacts at the meeting.

During the internship, we were also sent questionnaires and received a phone call to check how we were doing, which showed they cared about our experience. At the end, we had an online evaluation and received certificates 😊.





➤ Travelling by public transport in Dublin

Getting around Dublin is not difficult at all. You can travel by bus, train, or tram. We also used Leap cards. To get on the bus, you need to signal the driver with your hand. In the bus touch your Leap card on the reader. During the ride, keep an eye on your stop, press the stop button, and thank the driver when getting off.

Google Maps and the TFI Live app are very useful and helpful for travelling around the city. Don't forget that they drive on the left side!



Google Maps



MY WORK EXPERIENCE



During my two-week internship, I worked at McSport, a second-generation Irish family business that specializes in providing sports and fitness equipment to companies, sports clubs, hotels, and universities. They also run an online store.

On the first day I was in the showroom where I checked the quantity of goods and wrote down product codes and numbers. If some items weren't listed, I used a computer to find the information. During other days, I helped in the finance department. I performed basic administrative tasks, checked and recorded various data, and worked with different types of documents such as receipts, invoices, and more, while also using software.



I only met my supervisor a few times, because she is the director of the company, but I was guided by the head of the finance department. He was very kind and helpful, just like the rest of the team. I felt comfortable at work and could always ask for help. The company culture seemed friendly, open, and team oriented.

What I appreciated the most was the opportunity to experience working in a real office, the friendly and supportive people around me. This experience helped me to improve my communication and organizational skills, and gave me a better understanding of how a real company operates behind the scenes.



SKILLS



During my mobility, I improved my administrative skills by working with documents and using the software. I had the opportunity to experience what it's like to work in an office. I became more independent by adapting to a new environment, using public transport, and living with a host family. The experience helped me grow both professionally and personally.



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CONTRIBUTION FOR MY FUTURE CAREER AND STUDY

This internship gave me a better idea of how real companies work and what responsibilities employees have in the office. It was my first time ever in an English-speaking country, which made the experience even more valuable. It helped me to improve my practical and language skills, become more independent, and handle tasks with more confidence. Thanks to this experience, I feel more prepared for future challenges in my education and career.





DIVERSITY

Living in another country showed me how everyday life can vary from place to place. In Ireland, people tend to be more relaxed and informal, especially in communication. Their daily routines are a bit different too, for example, they often eat dinner earlier. The weather in Ireland changes very quickly, it can be sunny, rainy, and windy all in one day. The streets and neighborhoods also look different; many houses are built in rows and are smaller but cozy. Overall, the atmosphere felt friendly, open, and welcoming. In the end I noticed some distinctions, but nothing that would shocked me too much.



THE MESSAGE FOR FUTURE STUDENTS IN MOBILITY



Be open-minded and ready to try new things. This kind of experience can teach you a lot about yourself and the world around you. It's a unique chance to learn, grow, and discover what you're capable of, so take it seriously but also enjoy it 😊. Every challenge you face will make you stronger and more confident.



WHY WOULD I RECOMMEND THIS WORK EXPERIENCE FOR OTHER STUDENTS?



Simply. This work experience helped me gain new skills and explore a different culture. I recommend it to any student seeking a unique opportunity. Explore Ireland as much as you can , it's an unforgettable experience for sure!



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**“The world is a book, and those
who do not travel only read a
page.”**

– St. Augustine

