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Adina and Laura

In the period between 24th October and 4th December, our school organized a new project only for the students of the third year, called "EduCHANGE". According to this project, two girls (from foreign States) spent many weeks in our city hosted by some students, to improve our English communication and our knowledge of the world and of other helpful topics for the future.

These girls told us mostly about Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), and also about other related topics, like immigration and children's rights. But in the first lessons, they spoke about them and their countries, for example their traditions, their typical food, their culture, their costumes, their stories...

But who are "these girls"?

They are about twenty years old and their names are Adina and Laura. The first one, Adina, comes from Romania, while the second one, Laura, is from Germany.

They spent five hours per week with each class, speaking about those topics, communicating with us. We made a lot of activities listening and writing, we saw many videos on Youtube and we also listened to some songs. All these activities made us understand better the topics and they were very funny.

The most important activity was a final presentation of the project: each class, divided in group of five or six students, made a work about a topic decided by Adina and Laura; then the groups had to show this work to another class, and all together discussed about them.

This experience, for us students, was very interesting and useful, and it was a nice way to learn more and better English.

Benedetta T., Lucilla I. 3C



A great experience

This year my school accepted to join the Aiesec project called EduCHANGE. This project has the aim to teach all the students how to make the world a better place by an active spirit, and an international mentality.

In order to reach this objective, many foreign university students came to Milan where they were sent to different schools to take some lessons.

Two foreign girls arrived at my school: Laura (from Germany) and Adina (from Romania). Each girl had five classes and was hosted at a pupil's home. Every morning they had to go to school and teach. My class received Adina as a teacher, but I also had the opportunity to host Laura (the German girl), in my house.

When I got to know this news, I was very sad and angry with my parents because I didn't want to talk in English with a girl that I didn't know, but as time went by, I discovered that this wasn't a bad idea. Laura was a very friendly person and talking with her wasn't a problem. It was a nice experience also because I learnt many Germans traditions, and this is one of the project's aim: get in touch with all the countries. I could appreciate this aspect even more when I went to the final Aiesec meeting where all the guys taking part in the project prepared some presentations about their countries, in which they showed some traditional aspects like dances, clothes, food, etc. When all the presentations finished, we also ate traditional food from each country.

In the end, I must admit that hosting Laura was a really great experience!

Luca F. 3C

Questions...

Hello everybody!!!

For the Educhange project we made an interview to Romanian university student who was our teacher in this project. Here there is the interview:

From: Francesco L. F. e Bruno C.

To: Adina O.

Hello Adina,

How are you?

We are Francesco and Bruno. Do you remember us?

We are two of your Italian students of classroom 3C of Carlo Porta school.

We are writing to ask you some questions about your experience in Milan. Your answers will be published in *rePORTAR*, our school magazine.

These are the questions:

- 1) Can you tell us what is the goal of EDUCHANGE?
- 2) How was teaching to Italian students?
- 3) Did you work for this project in other countries? Did you find any differences?
- 4) Did you like Milan and Italy?
- 5) Would you like to come back to our country?
- 6) How was coming back to Romania?

Thank you very much for this amazing six weeks with us and thanks in advance for your answers.

We think that this work made together will give us the chance to improve our English.

If you ever come to Milan again please let us know.

Bye

Francesco and Bruno

... and Answers

From: Adina O.

To: Francesco L. F.

Hello from Romania!

Sorry for my late reply but I've been in the mountains and I didn't have signal so I received your email really late. I hope it will not be a problem if I will send it now.

Of course I remember you! I will never forget you and your class.

I am fine! Is so good to be home with my family and friends, but I miss Milan so much! I still think I am there, having classes with you. It was a great experience and I miss you very much.



1. EduChange is more than a project... is a CHANGE. A change in our way of thinking, in our way of living, in everything including the educational system.

Starting from the quote "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" I strongly believe that EduChange is the first step to a better world. Together we can make a difference.

2. Teaching to Italian students was an amazing experience! I was surprised to see the curiosity and the involvement of each student regarding this project. I went to the school every day with pleasure. Moreover I found out that Romanian culture has so many things in common with the Italian culture.

3. EduChange was the second project with AIESEC, and I believe that AIESEC is more than a name, a service, or an organization. AIESEC is an experience – a powerful, rewarding, and influential impact which has definitely changed my life.

My first experience was in Prague last year in a project named Edison where the main goal was focused on the multicultural education. For six weeks I was delivering interactive sessions about Romanian culture, including Romanian history and geography.

What EduChange have extra beside the Romanian culture and tradition is the importance given to those 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which I think, are really important for a better world.

4. If I like Milan and Italy? I simply love them!!!

I fell in love with Milan from the first day I arrived. I will never forget the time spent there because it was the best in my life! Also, thanks to my lovely host family Milan became my second home.

Italy, in one word, is simply breath-taking! The buildings, the architecture, the churches, the landscapes, the museum, the food, the people... everything is amazing and breath-taking! It will be always in my heart.

5. I will definitely come again in Milan!

As I previously said, Milan is now my second home and you are all my family, so I will be back!

6. Coming back to Romania was really interesting.

Firstly, it was so hard to leave Milan because I had an incredible time there and I made so many good friends from all over the world. Nevertheless, it was great to go again in Romania, to see my family and my friends again.

From Milan to Romania, beside the memories, I brought with me more confidence, strength, courage, and a different way to see the world.

Francesco L. F., Bruno C. 3C



