

<p>Project week in Greece</p>	<h1>Erasmus+</h1>
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Volunteering Team 'GIVE'

The 'GIVE' organization was established 8 years ago. It was inspired by an event that miss Tereza saw at the road. Starting from the bottom, today the organization has 30.000 members and it is clearly a volunteer team, not funded by anyone. They help around 150 families right now. There aren't any criterias for those who want to help, but they have to check if people are really in need so they visit their homes. They also have a facebook page where they promote themselves and the administrator (Dimitra Apostolaki) replies to the messages. Volunteers can offer either basic items for example food, clothes, shoes etc. or services if they are doctors, lawyers etc. 'GIVE' does not accept money, only some particular checks from super markets. The super market Chalkiadakis has provided storage space for the team to keep the goods safe. According to the most dedicated volunteers it was really difficult at first but when you see the results your heart brightens.

Arrival Day

"The weather when we arrived was clear and sunny. After we claimed our baggages, we went to our hostfamilies. They welcomed us very friendly. Few minutes later, we went with all the swiss students and their hosts to the restaurant called "Hovoli", wich sells the biggest Gyros in Crete. While we were been there, I learnt some greek words until the HUGE Gyros arrived. They were very delicious." -Kai

Deputy Mayor of Social Policy

We visited the Town Hall and managed to get informed about the facilities of Heraklion that help the refugees and the poor and homeless. Also, we learned about their future plans and the action of the volunteering organisations such as "GIVE", the social pharmacy, council integration of immigrants and refugees etc.

A journey in history: Knossos

Knossos was built in 2000 BC. There was a palace with the throne of the king that used to live there. The palace didn't exist like it used to be, just ruins and some amphora. People used to store their foods and goods to preserve them. we've learned a lot, and it was really beautiful.

Archaeological museum

Next destination? The archaeological museum. After walking under the sun, it was the ideal place to rest. We took our tickets and started the tour. The museum is regarded as one of the most important museums of Europe as it brings togheter findings from all over Crete, covering over 5500 years of the island's history. The exhibits were of the period of the Minoan civilization so it was connected to the place we visited before. They were about people's everyday lives and the way they burried their dead. Lots of the exhibits were jewellery, tools, coins, arts and crafts and sarcophagus. Some of the materials they used were gold, stone and clay. The exhibition was rich, as there was a variety of things to see and learn from.



What is coming!

Cultural evening:

On Tuesday, all the students are going to gather at school to present their countries and specifically their traditions. Later that evening, there is going to be a party with students, teachers and parents. The party is going to include traditional greek food which will be made by students.

Rethymnon:

On wednesday we will go to the Rethymnon to visit the old town and the Eleftherna museum which has been open for the public since last summer. This archeological museum also has Homer's exhibition. Rethymnon is the third biggest city in Crete after Heraklion and Chania. Later that evening we will visit Margarites village which is well known for its pottery.