

Exchange

People from Swiss,
Sweden, The UK and
Greece come to Holland.

Project Week



Meeting the Mayer.

Monday, an exciting day. We went to meet the Mayer in the city hall. She made a presentation for us in which she told us about the history of Roermond, the economic situation, the tourism, the importance of traveling to other countries and why there come so many people to Roermond. One of the main reasons is because we have the Designer Outlet and we live close to the German and Belgium borders so a lot of people come work here too. But if you want to work there you have to speak more languages. Asked the Mayer what she thought about studying abroad and she said that you should take every chance you can get to get abroad, because you learn a lot of traveling.

Nunhems Zaden

Tuesday, an interesting day. We went to a small town called Nunhem, there we visited a company which produces seeds. They deliver seeds of species who are adjusted to specific growth conditions and support our clients with producing and bringing their products on the market. Daphne: "I thought it was very interesting! I never knew all of this was possible, I learned a lot."

We asked them why they moved to The Netherlands and most of them moved here because they were looking for a job abroad and they came here. The average age was about 40, and that's because there work a lot of young people. That they moved here was a good thing. Because of the fact that they grew up in another country means they know the culture and language, those things can help with selling products in other countries and knowing what to do and what not to do. It can help expand the company and sell worldwide. During the tour we learned about and had a lot of fun. It was a new experience.

Amsterdam

Wednesday, the moist exciting day. We had to meet at school at 8:30 where the bus was already waiting for us. So we all got in and we had to drive about 3 hours. So we played cards in the bus and listened to music until we arrived in Amsterdam.

We had to walk a bit and then we walked over a market that was 2 kilometers long and it is called Albert Cuijp. It was very fun and we ate very very good fresh stroopwafels. After that we went to the museum square and made a lot of pictures at the "I Amsterdam" statue. After that we walked through the Rijksmuseum entering hall and walked with the whole group to the city centre. We talked for a while and split up and we could shop and walk around Amsterdam. We shopped in the Kalverstraat. Some of us bought clothes and other stuff.

At half past six we had to meet at the meeting point so we could all walk together through the red light zone. It was kind of weird but also funny, we've never been there before, so this was the first time for us to. After that we went back to the bus and drove home.



Fontys

Thursday, a great day. We went to Fontys Hogeschool in Venlo. The students at Fontys are from all over the world. 60% of the students are German, 30% are Dutch, and 10% from all over the world. We talked about culture differences and stereotypes. When they have to talk in class they speak German, Dutch and English.

We learned that body language is very important when you speak with people because, 7% is about words, 38% is about your tone and 55% is about your body language. If you want to communicate with people from other countries it's also important that you know things about their culture. In Fontys you can learn all about stuff like that. Especially your international class.

In the evening we had a party at school and after the party we went to a friend's house and had a great time.

My experience

Karolien: "My experience so far has been great. We get along really good and we have a lot of fun together. After school we do things together with many people and have as much fun as we can. We have a lot of things in common and we hope to see each other again after this great exchange."

Her experience

Lea: "I like it here, because all people so kindly and so peaceful. I already had a good bond with her and when I arrived we both were really happy to see each other. And I'm having a really great time."