

The
Netherlands

The International

International opportunities



The Erasmus project is a project with students from Greece, Switzerland, Sweden, England and Holland. In this project the students discover new places and their cultures. In this newspaper article we will be telling you about what the student of this years Erasmus project did in Holland.




Fontys
Hogescholen

Mayors office

On Monday the students went to the mayor of Roermonds office. They listened to a talk from the Mayor about why Roermond is a good international city. They learned that Roermond is a growing international city because it is close to the borders of Germany and Belgium. Also it has great culture and shops that people from all over the world come and see. The mayor also told the students that if you know a language there are no borders. You can move away from Roermond to a different country because the school teaches different languages so students can travel and learn abroad. The students were given the chance to ask the mayor some questions, some of them were; What are the benefits of a city near the border? The city will attract people and there are more business opportunity. How many nationalities does Roermond have? Germans, Chinese, Dutch, English, Indian, Belgium, Turkish, Japanese, Moroccan and Swedish.

Fontys Hogescholen

On Thursday the students went to the university of Fontys Hogescholen. The students listened to three different peoples presentations. One was on borders, one was on acceptance and the last one was about a border crossing company. In the first talk the students listened to a man talk about the university and how studying abroad helps you and that staying near the border means you can understand two cultures. The students learnt that the university has 4500 students in all. 60% of which is German, 30% is Dutch and 10% is other like Bulgarian and Chinese. They also learnt that the university has many other partner universities in countries like England, USA and Mexico. The university also has multi language programs so all languages can study there. As well as this they have challenges that teach you about foreign countries, cultures and languages. If you completes these you get a badge and then a certificate. The second talk was on communication, stereotypes and acceptance. The students learnt that stereotypes might be funny but they can hurt someone's feelings so not to use them. Also there is much more that makes a person not just their religion or nationality. They also learnt that communication is only 7% words, 38% tonality and 55% body language. As well as this they

learnt that in the Netherlands there is no hierarchy and students can treat their teachers like friends. And that the Netherlands only have a slight hierarchy because someone has to be a voice and make decisions. The third talk was about 100% Pure Ingredients. This company is an international company that makes Dutch food that is safe for religious people to eat. After the talks the students went to the city and played a trading game where they had to talk Dutch and English people. The winners came back with a bar light.



Nunhems Zaden

On Tuesday the students visited Nunhems Zaden, this company is international and sells seeds of all sort of crops. The company biologically engineers the DNA of the seeds nucleus and sort them to make sure only the best seeds get planted. The company sells 24 different types of crops to lots of different counties all over the world. The benefits of working at this company are you can travel more, work at different countries, learn new skills, teach others in different countries, get to know other countries and improved language skills. If it wasn't for having Chinese speakers in the company they wouldn't be able to expand to China and make the business grow. This is true with all the countries they work in and is the main reason they are one of the world leaders in crop science. This company also has so many nationalities like Chinese, Italian, Bulgarian, e.t.c. The students learnt about how international skills are needed because the seeds come from different countries all over the world and shipping the would be very hard if no one spoke the same language.