

MOBILITY IN ESTONIA

School Parnumaa Kutsehariduskeskus

From 10th of September 2017 to 22th of September 2017, five students (Tina Ržek, Ema Burjek, Neža Urh, Eva Bečan, Jakob Razinger) and two teachers (Mrs. Kristina Frlic and Mrs. Tadeja Polajnar) has flown on Mobility with ERASMUS+ project in Estonia. The main theme of mobility was to change some experience with new people, new culture and to see some places in European country. We were in Parnumaa Kutsehariduskeskus school, wich has around 1300 students. This school has around 30 programs for education like a cook, a baker, a cosmetician, a hairdresser, a carpenter, a tehnic, a painter, an electrician and so on. It's interesting that cook students cook in the school kitchen for a practical work, and they cook for around 1300 or more people every day. School is very big and very modern. We also did the practical work in the kitchen class and bakery's class during the mobility. We lived in Parnu, 10 minutes away from school and on the southwest of Estonia. First day we visited a natural swamp park, wich is very big and of course very beautiful. The city were we lived, Parnu, was very big and it has his own beach, so we discovered some new placeses of Parnu every day. The city is very beautiful and charming. In the middle of week we went bowling with students and visit saunas and pool, and visited two similar school to Parnuuma Kutsehariduskeskus. They were both renovated in in past 10 years and they have more equipments than Slovenian school and better discipline for students. During the weekend we visited the capital city of Estonia, Tallin, and had some cycling trip around the city. Tallin is on the North of Estonia and a bit colder than Parnu, but a lot bigger. Population in Tallin is half Russians and half Estonians, because Russia is neighbouring country, ... and we visited city Tartu, the second biggest city in Estonia. There are a lot of academies and important buildings. We visited there a tehnicl museom, and we had a lot of fun there! As we cooked in the school kitchen, we asked the cook chef for some advice and asked him some qouestions.

1. When did you become the cook / the chef?

I started to work when i was 15- i was still in the school. Name chef I got when I was 19. But the real chef work I got was when I was 22 (in a big hotel, for 7 years).

2. When did you decide that you would like to be a cook?

I decided when I was in the eight grade(i wasn't soo good student). And why? Simple, because I like food☺

3. How many years are you working in the school?

7 years, when the school was built.

4. Is the work hard?

It is getting harder and harder, because there isn't enough students

5. What do you like the most and what you don't like about this work?



I like my coworkers, I like to help somebody to become a good cook, I like to give them the best that I can, I like my work time. I don't like stupid people (nobody likes them). (laugh)

6. Are there any students who comes in the kitchen and say: I won't do that?

Yes there are, but it is really simple: if you don't want to do and if you want to go, you can go. Im not a kindergarden teacher. They have to finish elementary school. You can finish high school if you want, but it's not something that you must do.

7. Has it ever happen that there wasnt enough students and what have you done then?

It happens sometimes. Then the other students have to do more things.

8. Who is making the menues?

I make them.

9. At least how many students needs to be in the kitchen and when do they start?

At least 15. They start at 8 o'clock in the morning. They can go when everything is done.

10. What do you do with leftovers?

We throw it away. Those people who work here can eat as much as they want (after the lunch is served), but we don't allow to take food home.

11. Has it ever happen that there wasn't enough food?

Yes of course, but we always have a plan B (we always have something in the fridge...a meat or something that we can prepare fast).

12. If you could choose a job one more time, wich job would you choose?

If i could, i would probably be a politican or a lawyer, because all they do is lying and I can lie pretty good (laugh), ... but if I think well, I would like to be a mechanic, like i was before for 3 years (mechanical scool), because I really like motors and cars and have dirty hands, not just like in the kitchen.

13. How long do you need to school and how many hours does your work takes you?

I drive to school around 10 minutes so it's not very far for me. I come to work at 7.30 and prepare some stuff for cooking and I left when all in the kitchen is done...around 14.45 it's everything done and I left work around 15.00.

14. Which is your favorite food?

I like sea food and fish a lot. But the most I like is steak tartare.

We had a very great time in Estonia and we are happy to be a part of this kind of meeting new friends and visiting new country.

Neža Urh in Eva Bečan.

