

**Feedback on "Biodiversity 2015-16:
the Importance of Being Different"
STUDENT EXCHANGE DAY "MALIGNANI- PRESEREN - KOPER"
TRIESTE - 19th November 2015**

**Express your general impression of the day spent together.
Why was it worth? Any curiosity?**

In my opinion the day spent together was really packed with interesting things and curiosities. First we visited the Civic Museum of Natural History, then the Carsic House and to conclude the fortified church on Tabor hill.

I got to know new people and new realities. I really enjoyed the trip. In my opinion we had a great time during the day. The museum was very interesting and the church on top of the hill was very nice. I discovered many new things about my territory. We learned a lot of new vocabulary and information about our area.

Generally speaking I didn't like the day at all.

I really enjoyed the day we spent a week ago; I met a lot of new people, I made friends from other schools and I experienced what speaking English with other people my age is like.

It was well-spent time we have to appreciate, as not everybody at school has had the opportunity to make a similar experience especially as we have gained knowledge of the differences between Slovenian and Italian students.

I think the day together was great fun. It was worth it because we had the opportunity to make new friends and learn something new.

I think the day was great fun and very interesting as the students involved in the project were all nice and great fun to hang out with. The day was a little bit wearisome, but in the end everything was worth it because we got to know a lot of people.

I think that it was a great day apart from the weather. Despite being very cold, I spent a fun day with the students of other schools. When we first met each other, we did not quite «click», but after talking a bit and spending some time together, I guess we became kind of friends. The museum was very interesting, and I would have enjoyed myself even more if it hadn't been for my knees that didn't want to cooperate with the rest of my body and hurt quite a lot. But besides my aching knees I learned a lot of interesting things about the Natural History Museum as well as about my partners. As for the Carsic House the experience was much less enjoyable than the museum and the church. Why? Simply because I was nervous and I was cold. I think my favourite part of the day was spending time with my new friends and watching the weird but so beautiful view from the church.

The day spent together was very great; I think it helped me improve my English and my general knowledge. I am happy because I met new people.

It was a really nice experience. It was worth it and I liked it. I met new people and I had fun. It was very awkward at first, but then we all started talking and working together and it was nice.

The weather wasn't so good, but we spent a good day. I really liked the museum, which I had never visited before. It was worth for my English and it was a great occasion to make new friends.

It was interesting because we visited the museum and we went to Kraška hiša; I was very curious because I had never been there before, and I really liked it.

I think it was an amazing experience for meeting new culturally different and independent people to talk with. We spoke in English, and we discovered many interesting things. I made new friends and I hope that we will collaborate in another school project together.

What have you discovered about your foreign partner? Mention differences and similarities.

Marco, my partner from Udine, was really funny and kind. He shared his food with me and we talked a lot as we fortunately didn't have problems communicating because he spoke very good English. My relatives are from Udine, so we discovered we had the same taste about food and the same habits.

My two partners were nice; one was from Koper and she was so good at English and she taught me a lot of new words; the girl from Udine has been playing volleyball for ten years and she loves horses like me.

My partner was too shy. We are completely different.

With my partner from Koper I spent the best part of the »Day project«. He was so nice and friendly, and we became good friends. We talked about all kinds of issues and so we discovered a lot of common interests. With my partners from Udine it was totally different. We cooperated only during the museum questionnaire. We didn't speak about ourselves and our lives, our friends or passions. I preferred talking to Aljaž as he was more interested in our extra curricular experience.

We had fun getting to know each other and discovering we have so many things in common; I hope to see them again.

My partner from Udine and me aren't very different, I discovered we have the same taste in food and music, we both like the colour black a lot and life at our schools is not that different, the only major difference is he can't speak Slovene.

My partner was nice: she likes Maths. We are similar.

I found out quite a lot about my two partners, Annalisa and Oktavija; they're both nice and kind, and their company is very enjoyable. We are similar although different, and our opinions and outlook on the world match. We all love alternative music and not well-known bands, we like the same kinds of books and we even watch the same youtubers. Our personalities diverse: Oktavija is very reserved and polite, she's quite disorganized but likes to keep track of the things in her life. Annalisa on the other hand is outgoing and trusts easily. She likes to keep all her things in order and finds beauty in the most common things. I can proudly say that I have found two new friends.

Stefano from Udine is fifteen years old. He goes to Malignani Secondary School and his favourite subjects are Maths and Geography.

We had very different opinions, but it was nice and interesting. I laughed a lot and I was very happy to discover that almost everyone could speak English fluently. I met some people that liked the same music and the same people, but they were in another group.

When I heard about this meeting with students from Koper and Udine I thought we wouldn't go well together because they are different. I was wrong: all the students we met were kind and similar to us. They are normal teenagers like us.

I enjoyed this day very much, I saw a lot of new and old friends, made new friends, learned new things about animals and our history and came home earlier than usual because the students from Koper gave me a lift. It was worth because we communicated with people who can't speak our language and worked together.

I have a lot in common with my partner. We are both Slovenian, we both live in Slovenia, we listen to the same music, we like doing the same things, and we are both lazy and we don't like Maths.

My partner Andrea was really nice and polite. He told me about his life, his hobbies, his talents and the things that he is passionate about. I have to say that he seemed a little shy at the beginning, but then he showed me a part of his character that I really appreciated.

In my group there were two fantastic boys: Gregor from Gimnazija Koper and Lorenzo from ISIS Malignani. I found out we have a lot of things in common like music and sports, but also differences like the foods we prefer and styles of life.

What do you think of the organization of this exchange day? Any proposal for a future meeting?

The teachers did a very good job, the trip was organized very well. We were always on time and even if we had some problems, we found a solution. For the next meeting I would like to have the opportunity to choose my time and have more free time for my new friends.

The visit to the museum could have been nicer if we had just looked around the museum ourselves without answering the questionnaire, but it was nice and well organized, anyway.

I think the organization was not very good, the places we visited are not the most beautiful or interesting.

I enjoyed every part of the day and I am grateful to our teachers. I think the organization was good, but I would recommend to plan more time for social activities.

The organization was great, the only thing I would recommend for the next meeting is having more time to spend together and get to know the other students better. Apart from this the whole thing was well organized, we were always on time, which is not as easy as it seems; I can't complain about anything, the teachers did an amazing job.

The day was fun and interesting, but also very cold. It's a shame we couldn't observe the majestic view that you can usually enjoy from the top of the hill.

I think it was an amazing experience, I enjoyed working in team together with my new friends when looking for information in the museum. I look forward to seeing them again.

This was a good and nice idea for a project. I liked it. I am not a very original or imaginative person, so I don't have any suggestions.

I liked it when some of our students talked to the others in English. I hope the same will happen when we visit them.

The organisation was very good as everything was well organised. It's a shame that it didn't last longer and the weather wasn't very nice. The exchange day was interesting, but for the future I would like a longer trip as I think this large group could become a great team and it would be a shame if this didn't work.

If I had organized the meeting, I would have given every student their own working sheet, so that everybody could have collected information.

For me the organisation of this day was good and also the teachers were very patient with us even if we were not so quiet. In a future project I would like to exchange with people from another country, maybe with those who don't speak Italian and Slovenian, but a totally different language. I think that this would be a real cultural enrichment. Obviously this would imply hard work, but with a little help from our students I think this would be a successful experiment.

The teachers have done a great job, they couldn't have done it better!