

Austrian Feedbacks Denmark

I don't know where to start.. It was the greatest time i had in my life in another country. The Fair Trade project allowed me to see behind the curtains of some countries and the people that are living there.. We had a nice trip from Klagenfurt to Denmark and in the afternoon we arrived in Sønderborg. All the Host Families welcomed us in their hometown and we went home to eat something and go to bed. The next day has dawned and we visited the school and met our project partners from Slovakia, Italia, Germany and England. After the great tour we had a quiz about Sønderborg and Fairtrade by itself.. The quiz was made by students of the Sønderborg Staatskole and they distributed the quizcards all over the city. So we went around to solve the quiz and at the same time we knew the city better and won an overview of that beautiful country. Personally i was impressed by the beauty of Denmark. Afterwards we went back to our host family home. The next day was the best one i think because we played the whole day a game about Fairtrade and how it becomes that farmers lose their children and wife and on the other side how they can get in the Fairtrade business and how they get better money for their coffee.. We lived as farmers and we felt on our own bodies how hard they live and how good Fairtrade support them. In the evening we watched a movie with a couple of us in the school cinema.. It was so nice we brought food and drinks.. We also visited an international manufacturer of thermostats and cooling and heating systems. It's called Danfoss and they produce worldwide the most components for these systems. Afterwards we went into a amusement park and drove with segways. The program also had planned that we saw one of the biggest milk manufactures and cow farms in the area. There we saw how the cows that are responsible for a big part of the danish milk live and how cute calves could be.. We drove there with the bus and we had soo much fun in it.. We met new friends in this week and it was a great time to stay there. All the teachers organized that wonderful trip to Denmark and I'm glad that I can say I am part of the project! Thank you very much for that week in Sønderborg. It was a journey trough a lot of different cultures, people and different experiences, not only about Fairtrade also about people or about the differences between whole Europe... It was a amazing Time! (Noah)

I think the trip to Denmark was a very good experience. I learned a lot of things about fair trade. I made new friendships and I have been to a new country. The whole project was organised very good. Everyday we learned some new things and everyday we did something. We lived in Sønderborg, which is an island in Denmark. The city is very nice and the nature also, there were a lot of old buildings which looked good. We lived with students from Denmark who also participate in the Erasmus-project. We had school everyday, but it was not real school we had excursions or had to did a group work like designing a T-shirt logo. After we finished the day in the school we had free time. In the free time we met in the city to eat something or just to talk. The city is very near to the sea, it was a good place to sit and eat ice cream. The day I liked the most was Thursday, we played a little role game. The goal of the game was that we learn something about the tread of coffee. The game was made by "Though road", you could have different roles like a farmer who produces the coffee or just a exporter. The game was very reality true, my role was a farmer and during the game I learned what are the pros of making a cooperation with other farmers and getting fairtrade.

The time in Denmark is one thing in my life I will never forget. I really enjoyed the time there and I hope I will meet all the people there again. (Moritz)

On the first day we became a tour through the school. It was a very modern school. Then we played hockey in the big gym, it was a very funny game because only one group has normal hockey sticks and the other and the others had swept tennis racket and so on. Then we had to eat in the school.

I think the second day was best because we played a game called ToafRoad. The goal of game is to manage its own coffee farm and sell his own products. On the afternoon the students must create a T-Shirt. On Wednesday we visit one of the biggest company in Denmark called Danfoss it was very boring but on the afternoon we go to Universe and the best from the park was the Segway track. On the fourth day we must make our own presentation about Fairtrade, then we must go to a class and talk about Fairtrade and it was so cool because the older student must hear to us and they all say it was very interesting. In the evening we are going to a concert of classic music and I think it was very interesting because I've never seen this. On the last day we visited an organic farm but it was not really interesting because in Austria there are many organic farms. The tour trough Ribe (this is the oldest Town from Denmark) was also very interesting but it was too long.

My host family was very nice and at home we must speak English or German because only the mother and the younger Brothers can speak German. The People in Denmark are very relaxed and nice. (Michael)

We learned in the project about Denmark and Fair Trade and what's behind this logo.

Day 1 (Monday, April.4th.2016): We got a tour through the School. It looked very nice. After that we played hockey in the gym. It was very funny to use brooms, dustpans and tennis rackets in a hockey game. The city hall was also very interesting. I didn't see something like this before and that we got drinks was very friendly.

Day 2 (Tuesday): We started to play a game. In this game the exchange students were coffee farmers and they should sell their coffee to survive. It was a new experience for me and very nice. In the afternoon we formed groups and should design a motive for a T-shirt. We had to be very creative.

Day 3 (Wednesday): At first we visited the Headquarter of the company Donfoss to see what this is and what the company produce. They produce heating systems, cooling systems I think this was a little bit boring but okay. A highlight of this day was the Segway track. I have never driven something like this before. It was so nice. I also did a presentation at this day. I was a very useful experience to do a presentation in English.

Day 4 (Thursday): In the morning we formed groups again to work on a presentation about Fair Trade. Then when it was finished we tried it on students from Sønderborg Statskole. At 8 p.m. we listen to a concert of classic music, really interesting.

Day 5 (Friday): First we visited an organic farm. It wasn't very special for me because I have been living on an organic farm for six years, but it was nice to see a Denmark version. The tour through Ribe the oldest village in Denmark was also very interesting.

At the end I want to say that I was really happy to be part of this project. My host family was very friendly. The project was very well organized.

MY CONCLUSION: I would take part in a project like this again :) (Dominik)

On Sunday the 4th of April I and four other students from my school and our English teachers travelled for one week to Sønderborg in Denmark. We took part in the 2nd Fair Trade Meeting together with students and teachers from Italy, Great Britain, Slovakia, Germany and of course Denmark. We arrived in the evening. After a short welcome at school we met our host families. My host sister was Nadia. She is a very nice girl and we became really good friends. We both love horses and do horse riding. Also her parents and three sisters are very nice and lovely. We had a lot of fun together.

On Monday morning we started with the project at the school in Sønderborg. After a short introduction we played hockey. This was really funny. In the afternoon we had a treasure hunt in the town. We had to look for Fair Trade products. This was very interesting and we saw a lot of the town.

On Tuesday we played a game called "Tough Road". Everybody played a role, like a farmer or trader. This was a little bit difficult. In the afternoon we designed in little groups collages to the theme "Fair Trade". The best one was printed on T-shirts for all students. There we had a lot of fun.

On Wednesday we visited "Danfoss" a big company for pumps, compressors, solar and wind power. And we also visited the "Univers Science Theme park". There we were in a 5D cinema and we were allowed to drive with a segway. For me it was really interesting and exciting.

On Thursday we had a lecture about "Fair Trade", Afterwards we worked in little groups to prepare a review of the lecture and we had to perform it.

On Friday we went to Ribe, a very old town in Denmark. There we visited a Viking museum. It was a funny and interesting trip. In the evening we had a farewell dinner with typical Danish food. It was delicious.

On Saturday morning we had to say good bye to all our new friends. I was really sad about it. This week was really a great experience for me. We had an informative and interesting program and learned a lot of Fair Trade. I stayed with a very lovely host family and I met students from foreign countries. With some of them I became good friends. And besides I could improve my English knowledge. For me it was and is a fantastic project. Thank you to all our teachers, who offered this experience to us. (Andrea)