

Fair Trade Meeting Dortmund

From Nov 29th to Dec 5th a Fair Trade project meeting took place in Dortmund. It was the first meeting of this project. On Sunday I and four other students from Austria with two teachers by plane to Dortmund. When we arrived there our host families were already waiting for us. My host brother was Joshus. He's a really nice boy and we talked a lot and soon we were good friends. And also his family was so nice to me. I was very happy to have such an awesome host family.

On the next day the project started. The Mayoress welcomed us in the city hall of Dortmund. After that we had to do a rally, but the weather was so bad that we wished there had been a plan B program for bad weather days. On Tuesday the weather was bad again, but it was ok because we got cool things to do at the school of Dortmund.

On the third day we went by train to Cologne. We visited the cathedral and a chocolate factory. It was a perfect program and a perfect day with the program and the free time in Cologne. On Thursday we went to the "GEPA" and to Wuppertal. It was not as amazing as Cologne but it was quite cool and we were allowed to buy fair trade products at GEPA.

On our last day in Germany, we went to an interesting shop, cooked our own meal and spoke about what had happened that week. After lunch we had freetime to meet the people of the project in the city or somewhere else. It was a funny and interesting last day in Dortmund. On Saturday we had a comfortable journey home. In the end it was a week in which I learned so many new things, improved my English skills and met so many nice people. I am looking forward to seeing them again soon. (Lucas Mosinzer)

I enjoyed the week in Dortmund. It was great to meet new people from other countries and learn more about the school system in Germany. On Monday we visited the European school in Dortmund and the students told us more about their lessons and gave us a short tour in their school. After that we played games to get to know each other better. Next day we went to a chocolate museum and visited the third world shop. On Wednesday we were in Wuppertal in the fair trade Company GEPA. There we did some little games about chocolate and how much money every country gets. After this workshops we drove with the "Schwebbahn" and saw the whole city from above. One day we made a city rally and asked in shops for fair trade products they've got. On Friday we were divided in three groups. The group where I was cooked lunch for all of us. It was a funny week and I got many new friends.

I want to say thank you to my host family. They were so nice and we did not have any problems. I am happy I was in Dortmund and if I could I would like to do the project again. (Isabella Lercher)

On my trip to Dortmund I had my first experience with flying. I stayed with a friendly host family in a nice house. We had every day a full program. What we heard about fair trade and chocolate was funny and interesting. On the first day we were at the town hall and the mayoress of Dortmund welcomed us. The first two days we were followed by a camera team, which was awesome. Another day we were in Wuppertal and used the „Schwebbahn“ which

was amusing and funny. We also went to Cologne and visited the cathedral and went to a chocolate museum where we saw the chocolate production.

All in all I met many new people and I also made some new friends. I enjoyed the week very much and I'm happy about the new experience I could make and all the new people I met. See you in Austria! (Jan Dohr)

The project was an experience that I would really like to do again, because we had a great time there. The people, the programme, the host family, everything was really nice. Although the weather was not so fine, some days it was really rainy and cold, we had an interesting and varied programme. On the first day when we had the city rally it was raining so badly that we did not see everything. In the town hall we heard that Dortmund is a „fairtrade city“, which I had not known before. The day in Köln was really great, the chocolate museum was delicious! But the film team was sometimes a bit nerving.

This project was my first stay at a host family and I must really say it was so cool and nice! My host family was so friendly and I think we all had a great time. So in fact it was a fantastic project. The only bad thing was that it didn't last longer. (Melanie Dixer)