

REFLECTION ON MY DEVELOPMENT DURING THIS PROGRAMME

REFLECTIVE JOURNAL

This Reflective Journal is a useful means for your professional development. Please take a moment to reflect personally on the programme and write a few lines everyday on your thoughts.

Possible areas of reflection: My professional development today, communication development, cultural understanding, participation in study visits and field projects, conversations and debates, talks, group work, sharing of expertise, dissemination strategies, etc.

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Date: 12.02.2017

We found out many interesting facts about Spain and Spanish culture during the lecture.

We had the opportunity to get to know the participants from our course.

We found out the activities for the week.

We were getting familiar with the city centre of Jaen.

We got to know the participant from Australia, interesting facts about her life and her country.

Date: 13.02.2017

Working with our group gave us the possibility to get familiar with other participants.

Working with our group gave us the possibility to learn other methods of teaching.

We learnt how to evoke children's emotions by using art and music.

During the workshop we found out new warmers that we can use with our students.

We were amazed by the greatness and beauty of the cathedral of Jaen.

We really liked the way our guide gave us the information about the city, it was very interesting.

It was really nice to see some places that are not accessible to everybody: some part of San Lorenzo church and shelter for people from Jaen.

We were a little bit disappointed because we couldn't see the cathedral from the balcony and the cloth with the face of Jesus.

Date: 14.02.2017

We had the possibility to improve our pronunciation during the workshop.

We got to know some sentences and little poems to practise proper pronunciation with our students.

We found out some interesting titles of books and films connected to identity.

We exchanged some useful ideas about a good shape of a lesson.

We got to know the history and the reason of spreading English language through the world.

We found out that the citizens of Jaen are very friendly and helpful.

We got to know new exercises to relax and calm children down during lesson.

Date: 15.02.17

We tried many local dishes which were tasty and gave us the new flavours.

We must keep in mind to stimulate the curiosity and creativity among our children.

Everyday we learn new vocabulary and we prepare our own dictionary.

We exchange useful and interesting links and websites from the Internet.

We teach different age groups so it is interesting to get to know other points of views on teaching English.

It is useful to compare English with other languages to understand the mistakes of our pupils.

It is handy to use the real materials like extracts from books, pictures, YouTube videos, short films to stimulate children to learn English.

We must remember to finish the lesson on a high level to make the children to want more.

We had opportunity to work with participants from ICT and CLIL courses.

We took part in a competitive treasure hunt in Baeza which made us closer to the group.

It's a pity that we didn't have enough time to have a closer look of the monuments in the city.

Date: 16.02.2017

We developed the ability to concentrate and visualize.

We learnt how to use quotations with students in the classroom.

We created our own mind maps about our week in Jaen.

We developed a plot of a short story.

We visited the Arabs Baths in Jaen and we were impressed by a big collection of exhibits gathered in the museum.

Date: 17.02.2017

We took part in the engrossing lecture which explained us the origin of stereotypes about Spanish people.

We visited beautiful Alhambra and we gathered many interesting information about this place.

We were impressed by magnitude and beauty of the cathedral in Granada and especially the Royal Chapel.
We bought some souvenirs that will remind us our visit in Spain.
We had a really good time wandering around Granada.

Date: 18.02.2017

We shared PowerPoint presentations with the other participants of our group.
We exchanged our observations on what we have learnt and how to use that knowledge in the classroom.
We exchanged phone numbers and e-mail addresses to stay in touch.
We got some ideas on dissemination strategies.
We gave the feedback on the course.

A final overview of my experience in this European training programme:

Participation in this English and Methodology Course enabled us to meet people from different countries. We improved our fluency and accuracy in English. We exchanged our points of view on teaching different age groups. The workshops reminded us to be creative and flexible and to use as many different methods of teaching as possible. We had the opportunity to visit some of the beautiful cities in Andalusia. We are eager to come back to our school and share the knowledge with our teachers. We gathered many beautiful photos that will remind us about our stay in Jaen.
We only regret that we didn't have enough time to explore the cities of Jaen and Baeza.