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GOSLAR STUDENT EXPERIENCES WORK IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH

Hello, my name is Giuliana and I live in Goslar, one of the two German twin towns of Windsor and Maidenhead. This summer during my school holidays I spent four weeks in the RBWM and did work experience with the Youth & Community Centre.



During my stay I helped the youth workers and had a look at their work. My timetable was variable so that I could go on some trips to London for example to see the musical "Wicked" or to play 'London Monopoly'. The other days I lent a hand with a DJ workshop or with the canoe and kayaking trip to Hurley. Some days I assisted with the summer programme 'Fun in the Sun' where youth workers did some fun activities like soccer and arts and crafts in different parks. Because of this nice timetable and because of

the lovely people around me I could really enjoy working. It was not always easy because of the language and because of kids with special behaviour, but the youth workers explained to me how to deal with those problems and I had great experiences for lifetime. Every day I had something different to do so that I never felt useless, which made me happy and my work experience a success.

This could not have happened without the great help I had. Thank you to the RBWM for all the organisation and help with finding the right place for my work experience and thank you to the Twinning Committee for their support. Thank you to Pam Tyrrell who hosted me for a week. But my very special thank you to Vivien Williams and her husband Robin for all their help and organisation, without them I would not have had the chance to do this work experience and thank you for hosting me in your lovely house.

We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.
(Walt Disney)

Giuliana Marx



Neuilly-sur-Seine
France
1955



St. Cloud
France
1957



Bad Godesberg
Germany
1960



Goslar
Germany
1969



Frascati
Italy
1972



Kortrijk
Belgium
1981

COX GREEN JAZZ ORCHESTRA & CONCERT BAND'S 20TH VISIT TO GOSLAR

As a member of Cox Green's Jazz Orchestra and Concert Band, I had a very special time visiting Goslar this year. For the first time, our Chamber Choir performed alongside the bands at various venues in Goslar, and this trip marked the twentieth year our school has visited Goslar on musical tours. On a personal note, this trip marked my last visit with the bands, as I am leaving the school to go to university. Our trips to Goslar have been a highlight of my school career, and I am so glad that I have visited the lovely town on four separate occasions.

Our week started by going into Goslar town, and having a reception with Mayor Renate Lucksch. We met in a lovely setting, and our Chamber Choir arranged for an impromptu song. In the afternoon we visited the Aquatic Pool, where the Jazz Orchestra played, and then we swam in their pool, making full use of the jumping board.

Tuesday saw us performing twice; firstly at a primary school, in which we played a smaller collection of our pieces, and a rendition of 'Old MacDonald' was sung. Our second performance was with the Concert Band, where we played at Kurhaus Braunlage – a beautiful setting. In the evening we visited a local Youth Centre; it was a lovely space, and we were able to try line-dancing, play board-games, create mini sculptures and play table football.

On day three we visited Heidepark, which was, as always, a brilliant day. In the evening, we had a relaxing outdoor concert at the Youth Hostel, in which our Jazz Orchestra played. It was a great space to improvise.

There was a large audience and, thankfully, it did not rain on us.

Thursday saw a Concert Band performance at Hahnenklee, which is a lovely space, and after the concert we had lunch in the grounds. In the afternoon we went to St. Andreasberg-Superrutchbahn, where we went tobogganing down a large hill. It was great fun. We returned to the Youth Hostel for dinner, but quickly went out again in order to go bowling. It was a tiring, but very rewarding day.

For our final day, we had a fantastic morning playing a joint concert at a local secondary school, called Aldolf-Grimme Gesamtschule. The students at the school were very welcoming, and their school's band played alongside our Jazz Orchestra. I had a great time playing with their band, as well as singing along with the familiar songs they in turn, sang and performed. Our final performance in Goslar was opposite the Glockenspiel in the town centre. The performance was rather bittersweet for me, knowing that it was the last time I would be visiting Goslar as a member of Cox Green's music department. It was a brilliant performance nonetheless, and it was very special to play our version of the town's familiar Glockenspiel tune.

My time in Goslar has always been special, ever since my first visit in 2011. We do so much in one week, and it is always over so soon. I cannot thank enough the wonderful people who organise our Goslar trips, and I have so many beautiful memories of my visits

Elizabeth Holder



YOUTH TWINNING DEVELOPING SPORTS EXCHANGE TO GOSLAR

Ten young people from The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead were selected by RBWM Youth Service to experience a developing sports trip hosted by the Youth Service in Goslar.

The young people aged 14-16 stayed in Goslar Youth Hostel with the participants from Arcashon, France.

Upon their arrival they were greeted and welcomed by the mayor of Goslar, Dr Oliver Junk, who holds the trip in high regard. The young people were then invited to mark the occasion by signing the historical Goslar records book.

The sports programme was extensive and well organised; it included ice breaking games and 'breaking down the language barrier' sessions where the young people were able to interact and make friends across the twinned town network.

The sports sessions were varied and included hockey, football, basketball, dance, Jiu jitsu, gymnastics, geocaching, circuit training, and a new sport named 'space ball' of which one young person said, "This was fast paced, high energy and involved a great deal of teamwork."

The event was even covered by Goslar local press and one young person was interviewed for a German television news programme.

All of the young people had an amazing experience which they said was "incredibly fun, active and interesting". The young people were treated to a farewell disco on the last night and have stayed in touch hoping to meet again sometime in the future cementing the friendship across the twinned towns at teenager level.

When looking back on the trip the young people said, "Not only was I able to experience brand new sports, I also met some amazing people from the UK, Germany and France, who I will always remember" and that they "would just like to thank everyone that made the trip possible and made it an amazing experience!"

The RBWM Youth service staff who ran the trip would like to extend a huge thank you to the RBWM Twinning committee, The Goslar Youth Services and all those who supported the event but most importantly the young people who made up the Goslar 2015 Twinning team.

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