REPORT ERASMUS+ MOBILITY ENGLAND – PLYMOUTH - LONDON

Students attending *The Ljubljana Secondary School for Hairstyling:* Živa Pajnič, Kaja Tomažič, Ana Žebovec and Sara Lindič.

From 1st to 16th October 2017 we joined the student exchange in England. The English teacher Monica Caltran was our accompanying teacher.

We enjoyed our first twelve days in Plymouth, a very beautiful city on the south-west coast of England, which offers a lot of opportunities for sightseeing and getting to know the culture there, like The Barbican, Francis Drake, the lighthouse Smeaton.

In Plymouth we stayed with two host families and the teacher stayed with the third one. The families were awesome and they offered us a comfortable stay. We were all really enthusiastic about them. We learned a lot from them about their culture, and we talked and rehearsed our English with them. We were staying not far from the city centre, so we went to our salons by city bus. We worked in three different salons, Kaja and Ana had each their own, but Živa and Sara were together. We were not allowed to work in the salons because of their laws and regulations, but that wasn't a problem for us. We had a lot of time to observe. We had the opportunity to see what they do differently, we noticed, that they put a towel after a gown, but we firstly put a towel, then a gown.

One day we made a trip and visited the Hair and Beauty department at Cornwall College in Saltash, Cornwall, where the students shampooed our hair and blow-dried them. Their salons were bigger and there were fewer students in the class. Time flew too fast, so soon came the day we travelled to London. When we arrived, we immediately took a walk and sightsaw some of the sights, like Buckingam Palace and Kensington Palace. It was beautiful and instructive.

The next day was an unforgettable day for us, because we met three top hairdressers, Rok Švajger, Sašo Kremič from Slovenia but living and working in England and Trevor Sorbie from England. We talked and made two interviews which was awesome. On Saturday and Sunday we also attended Salon International 2017, which is a hair show, where hairdressers all around the world show their talent and work and we liked it very much. You can buy tools and products and learn a lot. The first day we went from one stand to the other to get an inpression of what different brands offer. The next day we were honoured to watch Trevor Sorbie show, which was outstanding, because the hairstyles were modern, different and styled very well. We were all very thrilled, because the show was organised professionally. Then we took our time to shop different hair products.

That evening, which was sadly our last one in London, or England in general, we stepped our feet in The Royal Albert Hall, where we participated in The Alternative Hair Show, or Utopia as they call it, which was amazing. The best hair houses represented themselves with their creations. More on this link: http://www.alternativehair.org/alternative-hair-show-2017/ (acquired on the website alternative hairstyles)

These two weeks will always be in our memory and in our heart, because we met such amazing people and got a lot of new experiences. We would recommend this opportunity to every student.

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