

My name is María Hernández and I am from Spain. I am studying Nursery Education and I decided to take part in this Intensive Programme because I thought that it could be very interesting to share two weeks in the nature with people of other countries who are studying the same as me. I knew that it was an opportunity that I could not let go by.

These two weeks have been a great and useful experience. The first day was a bit difficult because I was in another country, with foreign people and I was listening to four different languages at the same time. Little by little I started to get used to hearing many languages even I will miss it when coming back.

I have worked very hard and it has been worthwhile because in this short period I have learnt many things. Before the program I thought that the nature was usually boring and that it was not important to children. Now, I believe that kids can learn more working in the nature than working with big books. Nature offers us many resources and lots of ways to work with children. I have discovered that from all the activities that we have done.



Personally, this experience has helped me to understand other points of view, realize the importance of our future job and reflect on what we do, because everything must make sense.

But one of the most important things I have learnt is that if you have an objective you must reach it. And if you are going to do a thing you must do it as best as possible.

For me it has been very interesting to live together with students from other countries who do not speak the same language as me. Although at the first moment we do not know how to speak, then we notice that we are capable of communicating with each other, of sharing ideas and working together. This is really important because in the future we will work with very different people and we must be able to do it. These differences between the countries have made the activities richer. We have shared our points of view and we have understood how the education is in other countries and why. There are many different education systems but there is one thing in common: we want the best for children and we are going to work hard to obtain it.

During these two weeks we have made a lot of activities and from each activity we have learnt a lot. We have realized that there was a lot of work behind these activities, they were prepared really good.

For example the first day, we did a very interesting activity: "Shadows connections". We had to make a line between two trees making our shadow silhouette with material from the nature and everyone had to take part in the activity. It was the first day and we did not know each other so it was difficult to start to create. But we started to work together and we obtained a really good result. While we were doing the activity we were

learning so many things but we did not know it: the companionship, find our place and help others to find their places, develop the imagination and the creativity, communication, etc.



It has been an unforgettable experience. I have learnt not only useful things for my future job, I also have learnt many things for my present life.