



Biodiversity meets music

Stolberg - Biodiversity in the cultural landscape of the Rhineland



The third exchange brought together students and teachers who already knew each other, but also new faces. We had beautiful, warm and sunny weather and enjoyed staying with old and new friends.

Group activities

- 1 Warm welcome by the coordinator, the participating students, some teachers, the headmaster and a representative of the City of Stolberg, musically framed by our Big Band “Crackfield Stompers”.
- 2 Shared meals with local and regional specialities (Brauhaus in Cologne, student quarter in Aachen).
- 3 Cyanotype workshop prepared by the Erasmus group, an UV-sensitive photographic printing process, produces a cyan-blue print used for art as monochrome imagery and is applicable on a range of material, for reprography, considered the first photographic process.
- 4 Guided Tour Stolberg (industrial history), conducted by a former teacher, and simultaneously translated into English, Spanish and Greek by active teachers and accompanying teachers of the partner schools.
- 5 Cultural exchange in the auditorium with a buffet of regional specialities prepared by pupils, parents and teachers. All partner schools presented their school, their region, their country and their activities within the project (dances, digital presentations, musical contributions by participants), presentations in preparation of the next upcoming exchange trips.
- 6 Visit to the zoo in Cologne (exploration with Biparcours App, information about regional and international species conservation projects, e.g. Przewalski's horses, field hamsters), today's role of zoos.
- 7 Individual exploration of the city of Cologne (Aquarium, Flora, River Rhine incl. boat trip, old town) and shared dinner at a typical brewery.
- 8 Excursion to the Eifel prepared and guided by the Erasmus group, nature observations: Calamine vegetation on the Schlangenberg, meadow orchards around Breinig and Dorff (Stolberg), daffodil meadows in the National Park, flora and fauna of low mountain valleys, hedgerow landscape. Visits to architectural, historical and cultural aspects (quarry stone houses, limestone quarries in the region as secondary biotopes with nutrient-poor soils, half-timbered houses in courtyards, protective hedges, half-timbered houses with slate roofs).
- 9 Hike through the High Fens with information on renaturation projects (importance of raised bogs as CO₂ reservoirs, renaturation of Palsen/Pingos), visit to an exhibition on raised bog flora and fauna at the National Park Centre in Höfen.
- 10 Visit to Monschau (development of the cloth industry).
- 11 Walk and dinner in the student quarter in the university city of Aachen
- 12 Sound recording workshop prepared by the Erasmus group combining local natural sounds with music
- 13 City tour of Bad Aachen (Biparcours App) prepared by pupils (cathedral, town hall, Elisenbrunnen).