

In March 2018 a group of nine students took the chance to complete our work experience in the south-west of the United Kingdom. We traveled to a region called Torbay, which contains the cities Torquay and Paignton, where we had our host families.

Early in the morning we met on the 17th of March at the airport. From Hamburg we flew to the London Gatwick airport. After the transfer to Heathrow we took the Bus to Torquay. On our journey, we had some problems with the weather. The truth is that there was one big problem, the weather. At Heathrow Mr. Brandt told us about a big snowstorm in Devon so it was a little adventure to reach our host families after that long day.



Normally the work experience starts with a welcome meeting on Monday, but caused by the big amount of snow, we got the first day off, and we had enough time to explore the city and get to know our families. They told us, that it was the first time since 5-40 years (we heard a lot of stories about that) they had snow. On Monday the last two of our group reached their families, because there were some complications with the old one.

On Tuesday the 19th we finally had our welcome meeting at the TTPL Partnership building, where they told us about the British habits and quirks, and about things we should try to notice. Then we finally were brought to our work placements. Most of the people from our group served costumers in little cafes in the cities, where they lived.

Cafes are depended on the weather, so some days there wasn't much to do. But when the sun shines, like most of the days after the snow, there were more costumers. At my work placement, I was at the till from the first minute on and learned how to make a coffee and tea. At other placements, some people from our group worked at the kitchen.



While our stay in Torbay, we visited the social events the Training Partnership organized. Some of us went to the Tuesday events in the "Rock Garden", a restaurant and pub in Torquay with live music every evening. There we had the chance to meet some people from other countries or travel groups. On the Thursdays they planned trips with us, to see something around Torbay. On the first

Thursday we visited the Paignton Zoo. On the second Thursday of our stay, they prepared an easter quiz, because we couldn't have gone outside. The weather was very rainy.

In sum, we all can say that it was a great experience for all of us. It is a wonderful way to improve our self-confidence by talking to all those people. We had the chance to improve our English level too.