MY STAY IN SLOVAKIA





I think the study trip to Bratislava was really amazing and educative. In addition, I think everybody on the trip thought so to.

Bratislava was a different place than Norway and Drammen. Their town were more untidy then Drammen and almost all of their buildings carried a touch of communism. We had a lot of fun and the trip was very social. I felt like I got to know many on the trip, better than I did before.

It was exciting to have lessons in physics in English, they made sure I used specialist terms better and to formulate me verbally to the Slovakian students. Talking with the Slovakian students about how things were here in relation to Slovakia was very funny. Most of it was cheaper, especially beer and various foods. It could well have cost 3.5 Norwegian kroner for an ice tea at our school like it did in Bratislava. Something they were jealous of, were our high salaries in relation to them. We had about 4 times as high wages as those, at the age of 18. Some Slovaks were easy to chat with while others spoke poor English and was a little scared to talk. Nevertheless, I got the impression that Slovak youths are quite similar to us. At school they didn`t have their own computer as we have, they told me they spend two hours a week at a room they call “computer room.” They also had to buy their calculators and their classroom desks and chairs was different to ours.

During the week I experienced many new tings. Like going to my first KHL match, which I think was great. I met a lot of new people and we went to laser tag which was awesome. In addition, I found out that speaking English is not so bad anyhow, which I never liked to do before. I also learned a bit about the Slovakian culture and history, and their Olympic Games were different then I imagined. Their Olympic Games were called “Oh Chaos” and it was the student’s responsibility. It was not always as planed as I thought but it almost worked out.