

THE eTwinning GENERATION

In this 10 anniversary year of eTwinning, it is very appropriate that the 2015 eTwinning book should focus on the eTwinning Generation; young people who have experienced involvement in eTwinning during their days in school. In the book some of these young people recount how eTwinning has affected them in their career choice, their outlook on society and the ability to act and speak in public situations. Below you will find some extracts from their testimonials;

Natalia for example speaks about her increased cross cultural skills which impacted directly on her study choice and employment.



// Definitely the most important benefit was the cross cultural skills that I gained during the project. My experience of being involved with eTwinning definitely had a major impact on my study choices and helped me secure a place at a British University. I also managed to successfully gain a job as a Student Ambassador which requires contact with international students. //

Natalia Patkiewicz (age now: 21)
Student, Plymouth University

João peaks of the increase of adaptability in a world of shifting realities



// Thinking back on eTwinning after 10 years... eTwinning is not only about conversation, it is much more. eTwinning is a life experience which allows you to live and see more of the world, essential for a better personal development and ability to adapt to different realities. //

João Cardoso (age now: 28)
Technical Supervisor, Portugal

Marion speaks about an increase in her ability to analyse and consider issues from different perspectives.



// It forced me to consider difficult questions from different perspectives and through different approaches. The debates challenged my own views and often forced me not only to formulate them as clearly as possible but often to reconsider them entirely by pointing to issues or unjustified assumptions which my peers, in my own class, may have shared and therefore not questioned. //

Marion Durand (age now: 25)
Doctoral student, University of Toronto, Canada

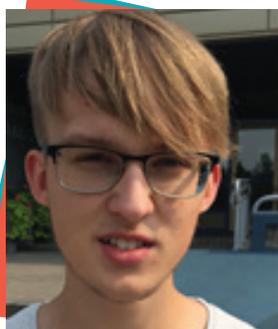
Riccardo learned that there is strength in diversity in a social context.



// Thanks to this experience I learned that diversity is a resource for our society. It also increased my fascination for French culture, literature and language, for linguistics and for translation...it helps you also to discover your limits and potential, by getting you to step out of your comfort zone. //

Riccardo Santini (age now: 24)
Student, Master's Degree in Science of Language, University of Venice
Sales Advisor, H&M

Edmundas speaks about how his eTwinning experiences led directly to his current career path in computer studies.



// eTwinning was the main source of fun learning activities in my school. Our teachers were constantly trying to involve us in various projects and we got good memories and a huge amount of experience from them. In addition to all social skills I developed, I also learnt a great deal about using computers and creating different media. I started wondering how all this works and that was a start of what I am doing now. I am studying software engineering in a university and this is a step towards my future. //

Edmundas Riskus (age now: 18)
Student, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University

This powerful set of testimonies may be read in the forthcoming eTwinning Book

"The eTwinning Generation"

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