

## REFLECTION ON OUR DEVELOPMENT DURING THIS PROGRAMME

### REFLECTIVE JOURNAL

This Reflective Journal is a useful means for your professional development. Please take a moment to reflect personally on the programme and write a few lines everyday on your thoughts.

Possible areas of reflection: Our professional development today, communication development, cultural understanding, participation in study visits and field projects, conversations and debates, talks, group work, sharing of expertise, dissemination strategies, etc.

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Date: Sunday, 21/05/17

Meeting at the Clayton hotel.

Initially they presented the activities to all participants, then divided into groups we became acquainted with the other CLIL participants.

The initial feeling was tense because of our lower level of knowledge of the unilingual language than the other participants.

I think it is motivating for teachers to see colleagues from different nationalities who want to work together.

Date: Monday, 22/05/17

The meeting was held at Trinity College. The professor has presented us the CLIL method, what it is, its origins and especially why to adopt it.

The professor was very motivating.

In the afternoon we listened to a teacher who introduced us to Ireland.

Unfortunately she spoke too fast and I could not understand exactly what he was saying. Perhaps if he had projected more images he would have helped me to understand. I have to think about it for my students!

Date: Tuesday, 23/05/17

We have conducted workshop activities on CLIL teaching practices and strategies.

We worked on BICS and CULP words. We formed a group and then created a possible activity from an image.

Working with other colleagues I realized the importance of collaboration.

The professor has accredited us to the Padlet Plate to download files, videos etc. I already work with these types of platforms so for me it is not new.

Then we went to make a group photo and a short tour of the city of Dublin.

Date: Wednesday, 23/05/17

We played with the words. We experienced skimming and scanning using a daily newspaper. I think it is a useful method to help students focus on the meaning of the text and not on the literal translation. Useful activity I will propose to my students.

Then we saw a video of Ken Robinson and commented on its usefulness. We also discussed the issues of teaching. In some other nations there are the same problems as we have in Italy.

Date : THURSDAY, 24/05/17

In the morning we talked about the various types of assessment : assessment for learning, of learning and self-assessment. Furthermore, we improved the strategies for assessment. In the afternoon we met at a famous Irish pub and drank a good beer.

Date : FRIDAY, 25/05/17

Visit to Glendalough & Kilkenny.

On this day, we visited the beautiful place of Glendalough. In this place we have seen the Historic cemetery and the amazing lake.

In the morning we saw the Kilkenny Castle.

Date : SATURDAY , 26/05/17

On this date we propose our homework, about new economy for Irish boys. At the end of discussion, we received the Attendance Certificate to the course.