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Time well spent at Utbildning Nord



Photo: Charlie (left), Feargal, Ryan and Lorenzo studied three weeks at Utbildning Nord.

In the beginning of March four Erasmus+ exchange students from St John’s College in Cork, Ireland, spent three weeks at Utbildning Nord. Feargal and Charlie studied at car mechanics programme while Lorenzo and Ryan studied at programming & IT department.

Regarding to all four students, they had a productive three-week experience at Utbildning Nord, with good facilities and equipment. Feargal and Charlie enjoyed the versatile work and having opportunity to work with more modern engines, as well. Furthermore, they were pleased about the “learning by doing” concept.

-When the teacher shows the work process, visualises it, and then you get to repeat it over and over again, that’s an effective way of learning, describe Feargal and Charlie, and continue the story of a snowmobile-drive and lunch in the forest they had on the previous day. For them, a cold winter weather in March was even a bigger surprise than expected.

Exchange programme a good merit on one's CV

-Here the studying is more independent and you can proceed in the studies at your own pace. We've been more productive here than in Cork, tell Lorenzo and Ryan, who study game programming and development. Teachers have more time for students and teaching is more individual, Lorenzo continues, who originally comes from Italy. He even produced a computer game while his stay in Övertorneå.

Irish students see that Erasmus exchange program is a good way of experiencing other countries. Utbildning Nord and St. John's College have had Erasmus+ exchange programme for students for over a year now. Even some employees from both schools have participated the exchange by learning and from each other's way of working.

-Going on an exchange programme is always good for your CV, says Ryan.