Erasmus+ Report

My name is Iris Carlando, I´m seventeen years old and recently completed my Erasmus+ exchange to Ireland. If been there for four months, by the time I arrived there my first thought was "what did I do, I´m so far from home and I need to stay here for four entire months!", now it´s already January and I´m siting at home to write this report. The time moved so quickly and I miss Ireland so much. I met new friends and had a loving and caring host family that I miss so much. Never in my life would I thought I would say something like "I miss school" but in fact I do. During my stay in Ireland, I got to experience the irish culture first handed ánd visited so many places that were out of this world!

Still, such as everything else in life, Ireland didn't only had good but also bad. Even if the major part of the irish population is very open for other nationalities, still there were some people that didn't made us feel welcome. Especially in the first months it was hard to get used to the different ways of thinking, eating or the extremely different school system. Luckily, I was never alone, either my friends or host family such as my family back in Italy were always there to help me whenever I needed them.

Now I look back at everything that happened, weather good or bad, I gained so much from it that I keep for a lifetime. I heard stories from people that made me rethink my lifepath, sayings that made me laugh and think at the same time. I learned how to be autonomous and know how to help myself on a whole different level. Not only did I need to fulfill basic everyday tasks, but to get along by myself in a totally different country 1.500 km from home.

I´m so glad that I got the opportunity to do this exchange and I would do it again in a heartbeat.