

A precious and memorable experience. This is how I can describe my stay in Dublin with Leonardo Da Vinci project.

But let us start from the beginning. My name is Sara, I'm 25, I live in Cinisello Balsamo and after my degree and a fantastic holiday to celebrate the end of University and to find out better what I wanted to do, I started looking for a job. What silence, unfair proposals, offers I didn't like! Even if I'd just started to look for a job, being refused, unheard, was not good. This is why I decided to apply for the selection of the Leonardo Project, funded by the EU, which consists of work experience in a European country, in my case, for 15 weeks.

I did it. First, I was accepted to go to Holland, but because of some bureaucratic issues (nothing happens by chance!), I was sent to Ireland.

When I left, in the middle of January, I was very happy to go abroad, even if I had to say goodbye to my friends and to my family. What I lived in the next weeks and what I'm living now, is not disappointing me.

I spent the first three weeks in Bandon, a town near Cork. I lived with an Irish family, I went to English lessons and I met a lot of people from Finland, Slovenia, Italy and Spain who were attending the same programme. "European Career Evolution", founded and managed by Sandro Sorato, who moved from Venice to Bandon, took care of us and organised the job interviews all over Ireland.

At the beginning of February, I started working at the Italian department of the Trinity College which is just a tourist place for most of the people, but which is a great opportunity to get some experience in a field that I like. Besides the office work, I can attend the Italian language, culture and literature lectures held by the department professors, who are both Italian and Irish.

The human and working environment is very good and I think I am learning a lot. This experience is also important to me, because I am understanding what I want to do in my life, so when I go back in Italy, I will be able to do something to reach my goals.

My life as a normal Dubliner is also good: I am living with other people with whom I can also spend my evenings and weekends on trips.

I think it is good and necessary to know and live with foreign people, because I think it is the first step to becoming a real European and world citizen (especially now, in a period of crisis). We can find people who are nice or unpleasant independently of their nationality.

Lastly, I would really like to invite young people like me, especially anyone who is not so sure about his/her future, to take advantage of opportunities like European projects or similar. At the moment, there are a lot of possibilities that can be precious for everybody. Just check on the Internet or go to the "Informagiovani" of your city!

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http://www.programmallp.it/llp_home.php?id_cnt=1

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