

The Cononect Chronicle



The church of the city Karlskoga with its well-known red wood which makes it an eye-catcher for sure.



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Editorial Introduction

Dear readers

After all the hours and with the dedication of the whole team we can proudly present the second edition of our e-zine. This time the exchange was hosted by our Swedish friends and took place from the 17th till 23th October. A whole week that the Swedish delegation filled with activities. The 2nd exchange has been a great opportunity to explore Sweden and make new friend from around the world.






Day 1: Presentations



 Greece



 Belgium



 Turkey



 Sweden

We got a task as a preparation for the exchange is Sweden where we had to implement energy from our own country into a PowerPoint presentation and present it to the other exchange students and teachers. This way we could see for example how much energy cost in different countries and more. It was a nice way to show and see a glimpse of the energy distribution in the other countries.





Day 2: Boda Borg



Boda Borg was one of the many nice things we did when we were in Sweden. It was a bit scary at first because we were walking into the unknown. The entire group was divided in smaller groups of 3 or 4 players. Each student was paired with his/hers exchange student. It was an awesome experience and a perfect activity to break the ice. We all got to know each other a little bit better. When we arrived we received a card where we were supposed to collect stamps on, for each challenge your team 'survived' you got one. Luckily the students from Sweden knew a lot about all the kind of tricks and traps in each quest and because of that we were able to get to some stamps easier. We could choose between three levels: brain, body and a bit of both. The different themes of the challenges made the experience even nicer.

I liked the Maya quest the best, although we didn't finish it, it was an awesome quest to do. It's weird that in just one building there can be so many different rooms and all decorated and themed into something amazing. With our group we also tried the castle themed challenge like a 100 times, because we couldn't do the last assignment of the challenge. Although we didn't finish a lot of quests, it was an unforgettable experience.

(Iris Casselman)



Here you can see two quest. The one where you had to escape a prison and the other one was the haunted mansion.

Some of our groups with the black lights effect in Boda Borg. This made the pictures just a bit funnier.



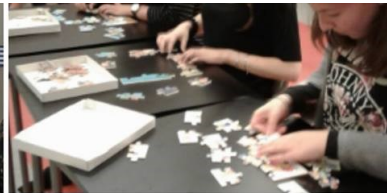
Day 2 : Game night



Learning a Greek dance



Trying to put the pen into bottles as fast as you possible can to win this race



A game where you had to knock over bottles with a panty and tennis ball. Fun guaranteed.

A game based on question that we had to answer first. Like who is good at pulling silly faces? Then we had to do them to find out who really was the best at the challenge.

The chubby bunny challenge where you had to put as many marshmallows in your mouth as possible while still being able to pronounce chubby bunny after each one.





Day 3: Glava energy centre & car race



Glava Energy Center

After a long bus trip of three hours, we arrived at the solar centre in Glava. Sadly the weather was a bit bad but it didn't keep us from enjoying ourselves. First, we were asked to assemble into a room where we were asked to sit down and listen to the presentation that was given about the solar panels. The most important questions were: how are the solar panels made and how do they work? After the introduction we got split up in random groups of 5-6 students. We were brought to a hall with lots of small rooms and were given the task to make a driving car on green energy. At the end we decided to race against the other teams to see which one was the fastest. As celebration, we ate pizza with the whole group and it was so delicious!

(Lies Lycke)





Day 4: Örebro



When we were driving from the airport to Karlskoga, the only town I kept seeing next to the highway was Örebro. I was immediately fascinated from the first minute that I saw the name. I thought that the name was kind of funny. We went with the whole group there on Thursday and I loved this visit. Firstly we went with the whole group to the castle which was on something that looked like an island and some of Swedish girls explained what the castle stood for. I thought the inside of the castle was really beautiful. Ooh, the houses of Wadköping. They were so small and picturesque. The contrast between the leaves and trees and the little houses was magnificent. After we visited this we went with a big group to a little coffee shop to heat up and enjoy with everyone from a fika. This is a Swedish term that is translated as something sweet you have besides your coffee, tea or other drinks. Then we went to my favourite part... we went shopping! When we finished this we went to the restaurant Pichos. I talked about in my other article that got published in the newspaper De Zeewacht. It was a fun and nice



Day 5: Alfred Nobel Museum



On the fifth day in Sweden we went to visit Alfred Nobel his home. On the way to his house we got the chance to experience and enjoy the Swedish nature and it's quite stunning in autumn. Nobel is famous all around the world and we had the privilege of visiting his home and lab in Karlskoga. A couple of Swedish student went and gave us a very detailed guide tour. These two students did this as a summer job as well and successfully introduced us to Alfred Nobel and his inventions like dynamite. We even got to wear his jacket and head so we could know how it felt to be by a scientist for just a couple minutes.





Day 5: Ice Hockey Game



The last day of our stay in Sweden we went to the ice hockey stadium in Karlskoga. The team from Karlskoga, BIK Karlskoga, beated Västerviks IK with 3-1. It was an unbelievable experience. I think most of us hadn't seen an ice hockey game before so that made it even more special. At the beginning of the game most of us were just sitting there, still learning about the game rules. As the game proceeded, we got dragged into it. We were lucky that the Swedish students provided us with some information. In between the 15-minute parts, we had time to connect with the others. Going to the hockey really ended our time in Sweden perfectly. Once again it was fun and nothing but fun.

(Iris Casselman)



Swedish Food



I wanted to tell you something more about my food adventure in Sweden. I've one word for it. DELICIOUS!!! I'm someone who likes to eat, so I was happy to try all the Swedish food. In my hosting family I ate something with sausage and ketchup/mustard on it. I liked it so much. I might have eaten too much of it but it was just too good ;). I've eaten two times 'kotbullar' and the self-made ones from my hosting family where much better than the ones from school. Something I heard about a couple of months before I went to Sweden was the kebab pizza and I need to say mmm. So sad we don't have those in Belgium. When we were in Örebro we went with a big group to Pinchos, it was a little and cute place to eat a lot of tapas. It was very nice and I really fell for the cinnamon buns, like for real, how can something be so delicious. Every time I see one in Belgium I need to buy a cinnamon bun, for the taste and the memories I have from the beautiful time in Sweden.

(Romy Bonny)



Snapchats



Here we have some snapchat moments from our time in Sweden. Sometimes a picture says more than words. We will keep this experience close to us and look back to it as a week we could never forget even if we tried.

