

## The Norwegians in Krosno.

According to the schedule of the project "From a board to a tablet – a journey with a data tablet across monuments of UNESCO heritage of Norway and Poland", a group of 29 people from Norway came to Krosno. Among them there were 9 teachers and 20 students from the school in Bergen. The Polish coordinator of the project is the headmaster of our school Alicja Szepelak.

20.08.2014

On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 the Norwegian group participated in the special conference with the Polish teachers and students. It was preceded by visiting the school building. After the formal greeting, our visitors were shown the multimedia presentation of the Polish visit in Bergen in May, prepared by A. Kmon. Then M. Pelczar showed the presentation of UNESCO monuments in Poland and Norway. During the break our guests were served a delicious meal.

The next point of the programme was a visit to the Centre of the Glass Heritage (CDS) in Krosno. The students took part in the activities connected with the production and designing the glass products. They also bought very decorative souvenirs.

In the evening the whole group had a barbecue where they had an opportunity to meet and integrate with other students from all over the world (The International Youth Meeting).

During the first day of the stay in Poland all the participants had a chance to improve their English and overcome the language and culture barriers.

21.08.2014

On 21<sup>st</sup> August at 9 a.m. our partners took part in The International Youth Session in the Town Council in Krosno. They met people from different countries. During the meeting they discussed the worldwide issues. After the meeting, the guests were invited to watch the Polish students dancing and singing performances. A very interesting part was the Polish-Norwegian quiz. It was the competition between two countries and the students had to show their culture knowledge. The winners were the Norwegian students.

22.08.2014

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August the Norwegians went on a trip to Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II – Birkenau. The monuments were placed on The UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979. The participants were able to get to know the history of this unique place. They were shocked and impressed by this special place. It was a really memorable day.

23.08.2014

23 August 2014 was the date when "The International Youth Meeting" was organized in Krosno. The main topic was "Moving the World with Young People". The youngsters took over the role of the Council government for a week. It lasted from 19-24 August. The representatives of young people from Norway, Hungary, Slovakia, Great Britain, Germany discussed social problems and tried to find the solutions. Our guests from Norway joined the debates and discussions. During the session of "The International Youth Meeting" the authorities of the Town council signed the declaration in which they were obliged to deal with the peace issues all over the world.

The Norwegian and Polish students watched the "Culture Theatre" prepared in drama classes by the students from different countries. The message of the performance was that young people would like to live in peace and friendship, no matter which country they come from and what language they speak.

At the end of the day the visitors could try traditional Polish dishes in our school. The meeting was accompanied by music and dance.

24.08.2014

On 24<sup>th</sup> August we took our Norwegian guests to Cracow and Wieliczka. We wanted to show them the Salt Mine in Wieliczka, one of the essential points of our project. They were able to experience the underground adventure of the mine. They got to know the life and work of the coal miners in hard conditions in the past. The students competed in the games in the Salt Mine and took a lot of interesting photos.

In Cracow the Norwegians saw the famous monuments and sites of the Old Town. Our guests seemed to be very satisfied with the visit in Cracow and Wieliczka. It was a really exciting day.

25.08.2014

We spent the day visiting the nearby places: Haczów and Blizne. The UNESCO Heritage Monuments: the Wooden Churches were admired by our guests. The history of the Churches was presented by the local priest.

In the afternoon the participants of the trip were invited to dinner at the restaurant in Rymanów. There they could spend time together with their Polish friends and exchange the experiences.

Unfortunately, it was the last day of the Norwegian stay in Krosno. The students organized a farewell meeting, whereas the teachers spent the evening in the restaurant. Before saying "goodbye", the headmaster of our school Robert Guzik made a speech and summed up the whole work on the project. The Norwegians appreciated and thanked for the Polish hospitality and friendship. Everybody hoped to see again in the future.