

ISLI 2015

We (Liza Rozmanicz, Peter Maj and Dorina Molnar) attended a week-long course named ISLI. ISLI(International Student Leadership Institute) takes place every March in Oberwesel, Germany. Participants are welcomed from the West-European countries and from the USA. Each year more than 180 students come together to learn how to be a good leader.

This year ISLI began on the 1st of March. We had to go up to the mountain, where its location was. We were welcomed and grouped . In every group there were about 15 members from different countries. Every day we had 4 presentations about leadership, negotiation, advocacy, perspective taking etc. After a presentation every group got a task, which linked to the topic of the presentation. (eg.: topic: coalition buliding. Task.: you are two 9 years-old children, who wrote a story which is stolen by famous film directiors. Make a sketch about how to get the story back by using the steps of coalition buliding.) The tasks were really creative, and every group had to perform its task, so we could learn a lot and had so much fun.



ISLI always has an Issue Forum. This year the question was: Free Will vs Determinism. We brought our own opinions, made posters, took a survey and discussed it. It was really interesting to see how many different arguments we had. I really enjoyed this debate.

Honestly, I used to hate working in groups. Until this time I preferred working alone, but here we worked in groups and I realized its much better, because together we are stronger, more powerful, more creative and we can motivate each other. On the first day of the programme we were only 15 teenagers from different countries, we didnt know each other. But it didn't matter. We started to work together, tell jokes, play games, talk, and during the week we became a team. We have a name, a hashtag, logo and two songs.

ISLI is organized by the Board of Regents. Regents are students, who were participants last year. Every country can delegate one Regent (except Germany and the United States). If

someone would like to run for Regent, he/she has to give a speech about why he would like



to come back. I'm going back next year as a Regent, which means I have to work a lot(giving presentations, welcoming, creating tasks, working with other Regents), but it's worth, I can't wait working again with those awesome people together.

For me the international atmosphere was the best. Everyone was so open-minded, you could go up to people you don't know, they started to talk to you. They were really nice, I made lots of friends there.

Unfortunately the time was running too fast, we only had 5 days, but we'll never forget each other and stay in touch. I'm grateful to my school to give me this opportunity, I could practice my language skills, made experiences and special friends from all over the world.

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