

Zagreb

EDITING SHORT FILMS

Current problems in relationships among teenagers

The school in Zagreb is a school for students with special needs only. Many of them live in that school, which is a boarding school, because their parents live too far away to travel each day, and because many of them come from difficult homes. Therefore, it was impossible for those families to put up foreign students, and teachers and students had to stay in a hotel. On the first day the international guests received a very warm welcome at the school, with lots of music, singing, and ice breaking activities. A guided tour through the school made everybody familiar with the different parts of the building. It was very interesting to see the kitchen of the school. Here students and a professional cook prepare lunch for students and staff, using local and organic food. The overall topic of the week was 'Current problems in relationships among teenagers'. All five schools had made short films / videos about this issue. In many of these films jealousy and domestic violence was the subject, so-called 'toxic relationships'. Discussing the films and the storyboards it turned out again, that young people often have to face the same problems in relationships, regardless to which country they come from. A special issue was chosen by the Croatian school: Their film was pointing at the various problems disabled people have to find a partner and to settle down in a home, where they can live together as a couple. Information about difficult relationships were added in the 'Museum of broken relationships'. Here plenty of items like a pair of glasses or a bra came with detailed real-life stories, telling about why and how the relationship concerned came to an end. In a creative workshop on Friday, students could develop ideas, how 'love' could work. At the 'Cinema Tuskanac" the group watched the Croatian movie 'Who Sings Means No Harm', which was actually filmed on locations in Zagreb. Later on, these places were visited in a guided tour through the city to see where and how the filming took place. In the Croatian National Theatre the group could watch acting and dancing exercises, performed by professionals. A guided tour through the city, taking the group to many historic places and to the famous 'Nikola Tesla Technical Museum', told them a lot about the history and the amazing architecture of the Croatian capital. Eventually the group evaluated the week, made plans about how to disseminate the results of this week in their home countries and made plans for the last meeting in Romania.