

The Erasmus+ meeting in Sweden 18th – 23rd of May

SUNDAY

Sunday, the first day all together, we went on a bus trip in Bohuslän, the region in which we live and also one of the most beautiful and talked about provinces in Sweden. This day was meant as an introduction, with the aim of breaking the ice between the students and making them feel comfortable and relaxed in eachother´s company. While getting to know eachother, the students also got a good feel for the landscape in Bohuslän, as the activities of the day were set outdoors.

The first outing (near Gerlesborg) was a somewhat troublesome walk through a very narrow (1½ meters) crack in a cliff. We had to walk, crawl and climb about a hundred meters to get out of that crack and then we did some scrambling to reach the top of the cliff, where we had a magnificent view of the area. Not everybody was used to this type of walking, but everybody survived.





Then the bus took us south to Hunnebostrand. By then, the morning mist had vanished and the weather was really nice – clear blue skies, sunny and no wind. Free time by the sea (yes, a few students dared the cold water) and lunch on the rocks. The teachers gathered at Bella Gästis for lunch...

After that we went to Smögen, a very famous "fishing village" 10 kilometers further south. We took an easy walk (1½ hours) on the granite rocks right by the sea and finished off with an ice cream in the sun on the Smögen jetty. Later in the evening all the students involved in the project met at Unda, by the sea, for some food and fun together.

All three walks during the day had the students experience the solid granite rock of Bohuslän, which is known worldwide to be of the highest quality. Earlier, this granite was highly sought after and an enormous amount of it was exported to other countries for use in street-paving, buildings, harbours etc. Holland bought a lot!





MONDAY

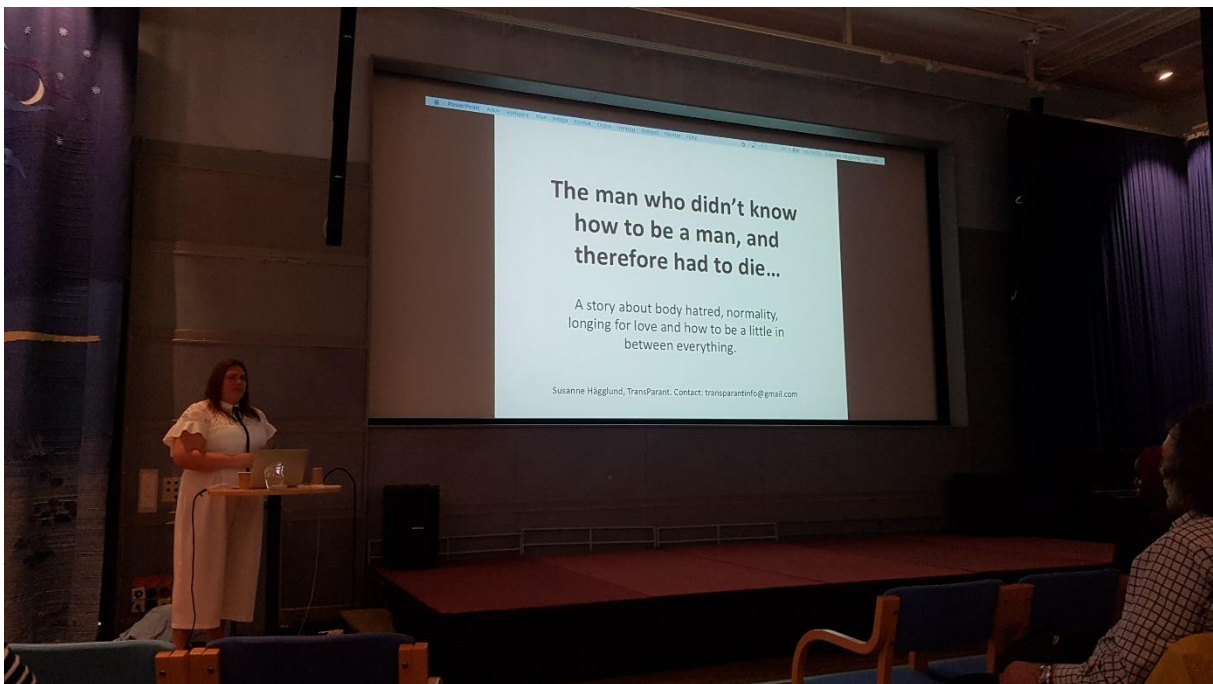
Monday we met in school and all the teams held their presentations (about the hometowns and the schools and also a brief summary of how the different teams had worked with the project so far). After lunch a bus took us up on "Herrestadsfjället", a forest region nearby, where the students had some group activities outdoors. They got to know a few things about nature here in Sweden, they tried (and even succeeded!) lighting a fire with a fire steel and they practiced a few basic knots. Also, some tried canoeing in the lake.





TUESDAY

On Tuesday we took part in a lecture at Bohuslän's museum where Susanne, who is a transgender who was born as a boy but has made a gender correction. She talked about how it was to undergo this change, everything from when she as a small child and did not feel like everyone else to really undergo a gender correction from man to woman. After the lecture the pupils sat in groups and discussed their thoughts and opinions about what Susanne told us and then the thoughts were jointly raised in the large group.



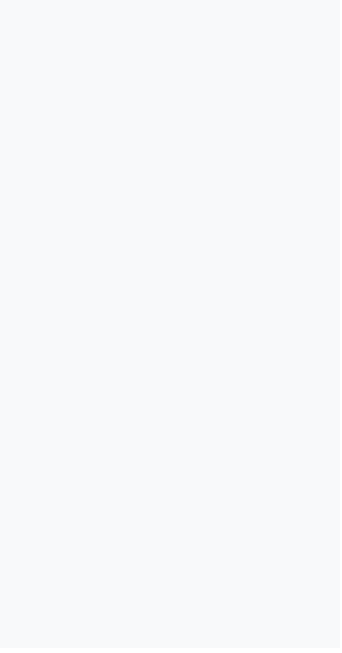
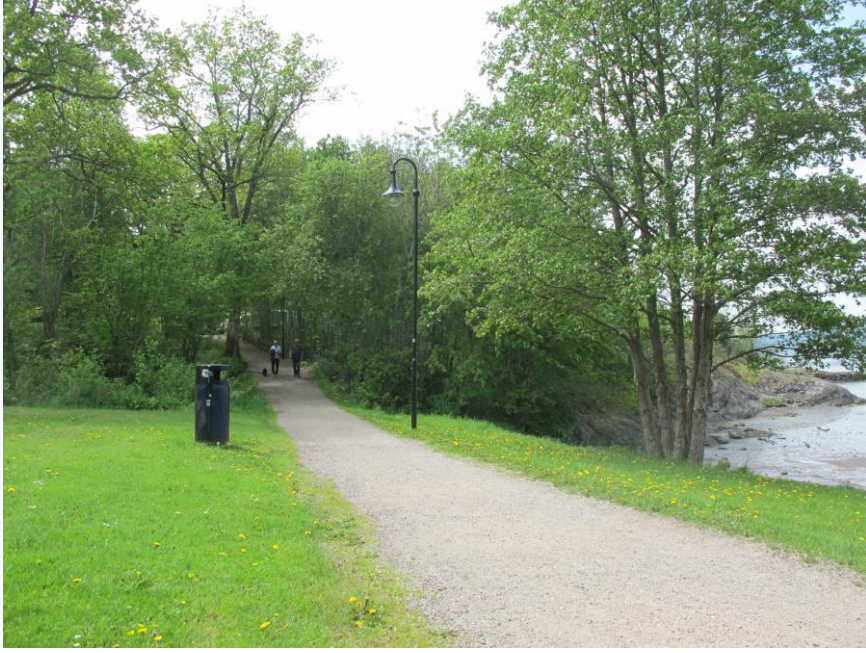


After the lesson we went to Gustavsberg for lunch.

Gustafsberg is Sweden's oldest bath and spa resort dating back to the 18th century.

Beautifully situated by Byfjorden is this nature reserve with very exciting history and beautiful architecture. Nowadays you visit Gustafsberg to stroll and walk in the lush seaside resort park and enjoy a coffee break down by the beach at Konditori Snäcken. The buildings are well preserved with houses from the late 1700s until the end of the 19th century.

After some time there we walked the beautifully boardwalk back to Uddevalla



WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, Per Assmo, who is a researcher at the University West (Högskolan Väst), and has also lived for several years in South Africa. He had a lecture about how South Africa works today as a country and how they handle the legacy of the apartheid era. The pupils asked questions and raised their thoughts. They also got an insight into how it is to live in a society that in many ways differs from what we are used to in Sweden and in the rest of Europe, but also common denominators and things that we can learn from South Africa were lifted.



THURSDAY

Travel day back for Greece, Iceland and Bulgaria.

The Netherlands and all hosting students from Sweden went to Göteborg and Liseberg (amusement part)