

DAY 1

So the first day was quite tiring. I and my parents stayed at a hotel which was close to the airport, we woke up at 3 o'clock, packed up our things then headed to the airport. After 2 hours of waiting and checking in, our flight started from Budapest to Glasgow, and it was alright, although there wasn't enough place for our legs. :(



When we finally arrived, we met our host, Pam. She is a lovely lady and her accent is really easy to understand, honestly, I was kind of worried about it. Then she drove us her house, which is in Dunscore, but on our way we stopped a few times to take photos of the beautiful landscape of Scotland.



When we arrived, she introduced us her really kind husband, Colin. They made us sandwiches for lunch. It's good to know about Scottish people, that they eat quite a lot for breakfast, for lunch they just grab some sandwiches with crisps, and the dinner is the best. For dinner we always ate some delicious foods, but I'm going to talk about those later. :) After lunch, we went on a trip to learn more about Jane Haining's life. We read about her in the local church, and watched a movie about her life. When we were done with these, Pam brought us to some of Jane's memorable places that she had a connection with. For example, we went to her house, where she lived as a child. After this we went to the local primary school, and it was awesome. Everything was colourful and modern, I could say. Then I and Mátyás went on an exploring trip, where we walked through the whole town. After the walk, Pam and Colin made us an insane dinner, and it was probably the perfect ending for a day like this. All of us went to bed early, because everyone was exhausted from this long day.

DAY 2

Today we had a very busy day. I and Matyi woke up at 8 30, and we had a very pleasing breakfast. Pam made us bacon and eggs and she also made some sort of special Scottish bread, but I can't really describe it. It's called the Scottish flat bread. At 10 o' clock we headed out from their home straight to the Dumfries Academy.



They have a beautiful school, which is kind of old, but they renovated and re-designed it so it looks fresh and clean. We met 2 students here, and we talked about several things, such as: Jane Haining's life, the differences between our school system and many more subjects. After this small trip, we went to the Caerlaverock castle, but before that, we stopped at a small restaurant, where I finally had the chance to try out their traditional Scottish cake, the Scone. It was pretty much a sweet dough, with butter and jelly between the 2 slices. Simple, but it was really tasty. After the meal and souvenir shopping, we went into the old castle. We had a great time there, and the castle had a great mood. When we finished watching

the castle, Pam drove us the Robert Burns memorial house. We watched a short movie about him and the guide told stories about Robert's life. He even showed us Robert's old room, where he wrote his famous poems and stories. After this we went back to Pam's house, it was around 5 o' clock. We were tired, but the fun hasn't ended yet. I took a shower, changed clothes, and we went to a BBQ party. It was definitely the best moment of the day, at least for me. We met lots of new people, and they were all curious about the Hungarian folks. We talked a lot here, made some new friends. We had a great time talking about different aspects of our lives and countries. And last but not least, the food was simply delicious, I ate 4 hamburgers, so I wasn't so hungry at the end of the day. :)

DAY 3

So the day started like any other day. Waking up at 8:30, having a breakfast at 9 o'clock, then going out at 10 o' clock. Today we went to the beach, because the weather was really nice and warm. I went for a walk at the beach, basically just explored the area. We took some photos, ate an ice cream, and then went to a lovely restaurant to have some lunch. The place was lovely, and after the small meal, Pam drove us to Jane Haining's family grave.



At around 4:40, we went to a local mall, where we had the opportunity to buy some clothes and gifts for our loved ones. At 7:30 Colin and Pam served us a delicious meal, like always. And from then, we just packed up our stuffs, because we had to move to Glasgow on Friday. It was another amazing day when we had no time to rest...☺

DAY 4

Today we woke up as usual then had our breakfast. After the meal, we went to Dumfries, to check out some stores, so we bought a few more gifts. After the shopping, Pam drove us to the train station, and our trip started to Glasgow. Pam gave us food, and we said our goodbyes here. Pam really was a lovely lady, she even wrote a letter for every single one of us. When we arrived, Lexa and Brenda greeted us, and they took us to Morag's house, where we had a cup of tea, and a bit of talk with them. Then we went to a museum, called the Pollock house, but on the way there, we finally had the chance to see a few highland cattles. After a really long walk, we headed back to Morag, and she made us a delicious dinner. When we finished our meal, they took us to Mike and Mary's house, where we basically stayed. After we introduced ourselves, I mentioned that I like shoes and basketball. After that Mike came up with an idea that we could go to a local mall, where he could buy us some cool shoes. I was delighted and stunned by his kindness. After this, we just went back home and had a nice sleep after this long day.

DAY 5

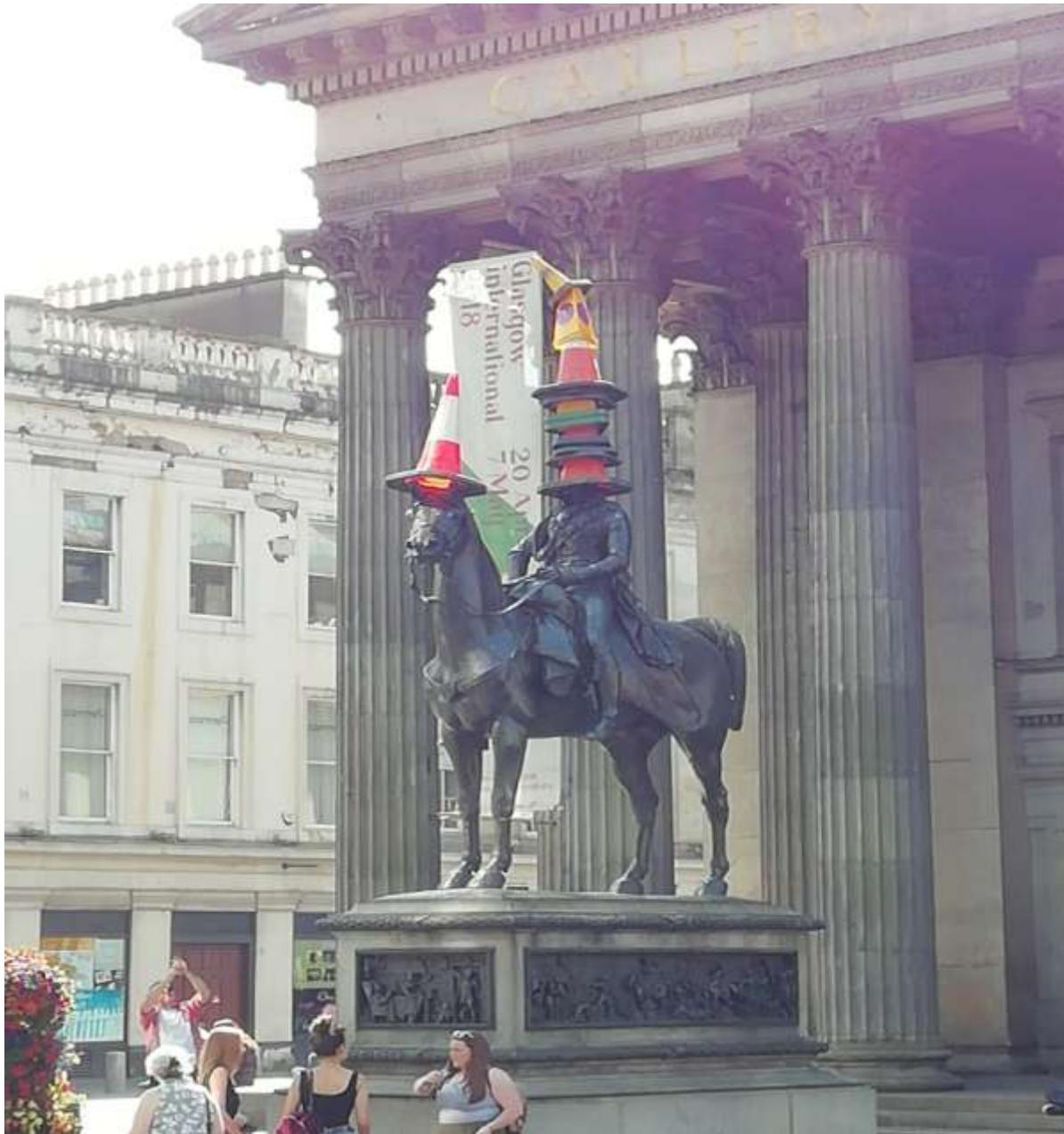
After a tasty breakfast, Brenda, Morag and Noémi came to pick us up. Today we went to an Island. Before the journey by ferry, we had a short lunch on the sea side, where we had a seagull incident. When we get off the ferry, we got on a bus, which took us to the main part of the island. We were mainly shopping here, and had a nice walk. When we went back from the island, we ate fish and chips for dinner.



It was really pleasing to eat a traditional food like this. After this meal, we went back to Mike and Mary's house, where we just have a rest of the day. Another long, but amazing day passed by. :)

DAY 6

We had our breakfast, then Brenda and Morag came for us, and they took us to Queens Park Church. By the way the doors were yellow, and I thought it was pretty outstanding. Anyways, we took part in the morning service, where we sang many psalms. After we had conversations with some people, we went for a shopping trip again, visit the beautiful city of Glasgow.



Before shopping, we visited the Cathedral of Glasgow, which was stunningly beautiful. After a museum, shopping and the cathedral, we took a bus to go back to the local church, and we had a nice dinner here. Then, we went back to Mike's house, and we spent our night here.

DAY 7

On the 7th day, Brenda, Morag and a student called Caroline picked us up. We went to the Stirling Castle, but firstly we stopped at a place called Dobbies Garden Center, and we had our lunch here. When we arrived at the wonderful castle of Stirling, I spotted a colourful rock. There is a movement going on, called positive rocks Scotland, pretty much we had to take a picture of it, and then I posted it to their Facebook group. It definitely made my day brighter. After the trip at the castle, we went back home, where Mike and Mary hosted a barbecue party. We were really hungry, so we ate a lot, and talked to a few people. At the end of it, we said our final goodbye to some people. Luckily, I kept in touch with Caroline after this whole trip. We went to bed early, because the following was the big day of going home.

DAY 8

Today we woke up very early, didn't even had breakfast, just a drink, and a taxi picked us up. We had a short but thankfully talk with the hosts, and then the taxi drove us to the airport, and flew back to our country, Hungary.

Overall, I can't even describe how grateful I am for this trip. I've never even expected to win a competition like this. Special thanks for all the people that made this trip possible, especially to Görög Tímea for her hard work. This trip really changed me in a good way, and also thanks for my teacher, Pavlovicsné Erényi Zsuzsanna, without her, I couldn't have got so far. I'm happy that I met all the people there, and I wish the best for the next competitor! Good luck!