

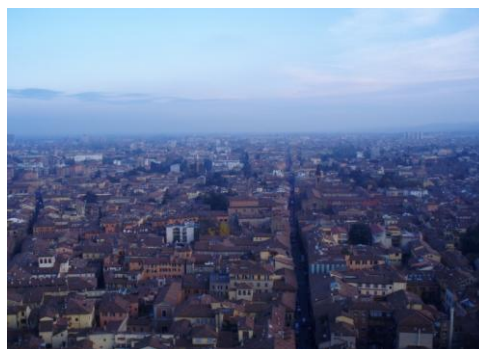
# 6TH EUROPEAN YOUTH MEETING

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## **November 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

After a one-hour flight we safely arrived at Marconi Airport in Bologna, where we were welcomed by the organization team. A bus took us to our 4-star hotel. One member of our group, Nicole, shared a room with a Finish girl, who was very nice. Muriel and Anna were in one room, while Kai shared his room with another member of the Finish delegation.



We had the entire afternoon off, so we headed to the city where we visited the beautiful sights of Bologna. Our teacher “forced” us to climb the tower of Bologna from where we had a spectacular view on the city and the setting sun. The view definitely made up for the many stairs we had to climb!

In the evening, around 8 p.m., we had dinner and met with the other delegations, who were just as excited as we were. Dinner took over two hours. Then we all went upstairs to spend the rest of the evening in our rooms, where we chatted with our Finnish roommates.

## **November 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Normally, breakfast was served at 7 a.m. There was a lot of food to choose from, e.g. sandwiches, eggs, marmalade, Nutella, cheese, cake, fruits, cornflakes and much more.

After breakfast we walked to the “Piazza” in front of the *Assembly Hall* for the opening ceremony. We heard lots of speeches, e.g. from the mayor of the Emilia-Romagna region. This ceremony was very long, so we were glad when we finally had a lunch break at around 1 p.m.



When we finished lunch, we were split up into groups. The delegations that were part of our group were Italy, Norway, Hungary and of course us. All in all, we were 16 students and one “coach”. On

our first day we spent the afternoon with little “get-to-know-each-other”-games. These were very funny and helped us to feel more comfortable with each other.

Then we talked about our group topic “child poverty”. We exchanged ideas and information and shared our personal view on this topic. It was interesting to see how the topic was dealt with in other European countries.

In the evening we headed back to our hotel to have dinner and relax a bit.



### November 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>:

When we arrived at the “Piazza”, we were again divided into several groups and started to really get into our topic. First we were separated into four little groups (consisting of 4 members, each from a different country) where we worked out micro-projects that we introduced to the others.

We spent the following days working on these “micro-projects,” developing ideas for our topic “child poverty.” We created posters, took down information and

researched statistics.

During the next few days, we presented our ideas to the other group members. We practiced speaking in front of other delegations and learned ways to present our ideas on “child poverty”. Quique, our coach, only gave us 60 seconds to present our micro-projects! Nevertheless, Quique was the funniest guy we met at the Meeting (apart from Kai’s roommate).

After everybody presented their ideas, we had to vote for the project we liked the most. The delegation from the UK got the most votes.

### November 27<sup>th</sup>:

Our last day at the “Piazza” was similar to our first day there. At the beginning, three teams presented the three major topics of this year’s *European Youth Meeting*: “Youth Unemployment”, “Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Young People” and “Child Poverty”. The UK presented our ideas very well, but the other projects seemed to be very interesting, too. After the student presentations, we heard speeches from the Mayor, politicians from the



Emilia-Romagna region, delegates from the E.U., as well as our teachers, who also had to work during the week!

After a quick lunch at the Assembly, we spent our last day in “downtown” Bologna, went shopping and had pizza together with our delegation!

Our personal experience:

We all think that the *European Youth Meeting 2010* was an awesome experience. It was great fun to speak English all the time and it was also amazing to get to know young people from all over Europe. We would also like to thank the organization team in Bologna, who were great hosts! We can only tell everyone to take the chance next year, to be a part of the *7<sup>th</sup> European Youth Meeting*.