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A meeting in the atmosphere of the communist Poland: Ways of spending free time in the past and today

The youth's meeting with senior citizens and retired teachers.

Date and place of the meeting: 17.10.2019 K.K. Baczyński Secondary School No. 2 in Ełk (Polish classroom)

Young people who are taking part in the school project called Vivez votre vie! Erasmus + and a group of volunteers from the Caritas School Club were involved in organizing the event

The meeting's aims:

- 1) implementing the project's activity: Free time in the past and today
- 2) celebrating Teacher's Day
- 3) establishing dialogue between the youth and the elderly
- 4) getting to know the customs (games, music, fashion, dishes...) from the past years
- 5) interviewing the senior citizens
- 6) making the youth aware of the seniors' problem of loneliness
- 7) activating young people through acting
- 8) engaging the youth in after-school activities
- 9) increasing the students' language competence in translation (translating their interviews with the seniors into English)
- 10) enhancing the cooperation of the school and associations and educational authorities

The meeting's outline:

- 1) Greeting the guests and wishing the teachers all the best on Teacher's Day
- 2) Introducing the project Vivez votre vie! and ways of implementing it
- 3) The youth from the Caritas School Club give a short performance A lesson from the time of the communist Poland







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- 4) Refreshments and music characteristic of the communist Poland's times
- 5) Conducting interviews with the senior citizens about life in Poland in the 60s, 70s and 80s:
- ways of spending free time, the interests of the youth of that time
- organization of the school and extracurricular activities in the communist Poland
- interests and possibilities of self-realization
- successes and problems of the youth of that time
- family and social life
- 6) Thanking the guests for attending the meeting.

The meeting's results:

- creating materials (interviews, reports) in English for the needs of the international exchange of good practices
- a time well spent for the students as well as the seniors
- enhancing the cooperation of the school and associations and educational authorities
- enabling the youth participating in the project to take part in after-school activities
- a positive effect on interpersonal, cultural and language competences
- an ability to work in a group, perform artistically and in public
- learning about enterprise
- expanding knowledge of history and civilization issues

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