

Participants' comments on English Culture and Language Programmes in Northern Ireland

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Belfast Aug 2015 – Participants' Feedback

Interesting seminars, nice colleagues and unforgettable trips. I really enjoyed these days.

I thoroughly enjoyed our course in Northern Ireland. You had prepared and organised everything so very well and thoughtfully that I was on cloud nine during that whole week. Everything was perfectly balanced: very interesting.+ particularly entertaining + truly beneficial seminars at Stranmillis College, a fantastic tour of scenic County Antrim (for me one of the loveliest places in the world) and really enough time to explore Belfast on my / our own. You couldn't have done any better! Thank you so much for this wonderful time, Bill. I appreciate your work and commitment a lot. Many thanks also to A.. (and T...) for their super literature session and to V... and P... for joining us on our memorable trip along Antrim Coast... Adventurous crossing of Carrick-a-Reed Rope Bridge, awesome Dunluce Castle, stunning views, delicious food in every restaurant we had dinner or lunch, lovely chats... So many special experiences. Thank you again for everything.

Dear Bill

Thank you very much for the great input during our stay in Belfast - interesting facts, amazing trips, excellent restaurants. Actually I have never eaten so well during my several stays in the UK.

Of course I'm interested in the material we worked on during the seminars, so can you please inform us how to get access to it.

I hope you take your time for some relaxation now to be prepared for your special day.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes to V... and take care

Thanks again for the amazing organization of the language course and for the unforgettable impressions we could get during the tours and, of course for the materials and teaching ideas. I'm going to use the `annoying statements` and the `homework poem` in my seminars tomorrow.

I like thinking about the days in Belfast and say thank you for so wonderful and also useful days.

Greetings for V... and your family.

From ...

Dear Bill ...

I want to thank you again for the nice time I had in Belfast in August. I learned a lot in those days, I enjoyed the community with the colleagues and so I started school with a lot of enthusiasm and optimism. And by the way - my students love "Heads or Tails"! Lots of love, ...

Thanks for your kind words about having us on this course. It was our pleasure. We have really enjoyed the course, staying with you and all the other participants. Also meeting up with V..., P..., A.. & the cute girls, M.. , K... ,T..., W... and J...& E... was so exciting for me.

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Thanks again for this marvellous Belfast Experience!

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Belfast Oct 2014 – Participants’ Feedback

It was really fantastic – worth doing again. I will definitely come back to Northern Ireland .. some day! Thanks for this opportunity! ...

I had a very good time in St Colmcill’es - and my host family was so friendly and helpful! The whole week was very interesting and full of new impressions. Thank you for organising this study visit for us!

Hi Bill,

Thank you very much. I enjoyed my stay by G.. and in Ballykeel Primary School very well. They are all very kind and helpful. Yesterday evening I was invited to K...’s house for dinner with his family. He told me that you know each other. They were also very friendly and hospitable. This evening I joined the Ballymena running club as well. I am looking forward to the next few days and wonder how fast the last days had gone.

Best regards

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Hi Bill,

warmly thank you for a wonderful stay in Ireland. Ireland surprised me very positively. Very kind people, good food, beer and of course, whiskey. Not forgetting, the beautiful views are breathtaking. It was time for me to learn and relax. Thank you for placing me and E.. with a wonderful family. S... and her family are wonderful warm people who are very open to the world. In addition, it was an amazing experience because S... is a teacher of foreign languages and she knows the problems people who are learning of foreign languages have. Thanks again for the great time in Ireland.

All the best ...

Dear Bill,

Well, back in Germany. Tired but deeply impressed. Thank you for everything you did for us. It was a hard but interesting programme. Many greetings to everybody I know.
Best wishes to you.

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Belfast 2013 – Participants' Feedback

Thank you soooooooooooooo much for a wonderful time with lots of fantastic experiences. I will never forget it

Dear Bill, back home and I want to say thank you again for the wonderful week.

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The time in NI was really wonderful and I enjoyed every minute of it. I really enjoyed my stay in Northern Ireland and I only can say thanks again to you and S... for the preparation. I will keep in mind every minute of it.

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Thanks a lot for everything - interesting lectures, well-organized school visits, a magnificent trip, A...’s lovely family, friendly German companions, sweet S..., delicious food, pleasant accommodation, your enthusiasm, great choice of restaurants ... I wouldn’t like to forget anything. I’m so lucky to have been there. I’m still there in my mind and full of new ideas. ...

I of course want to thank you for a great week in Belfast. I really enjoyed it. I liked the whole programme, the school visit, the stay in my host family and the trips. It was really helpful for the improvement of English and to get more self- confidence in using it. I recommended the course to P... und I..., who took part in the last group of this year’s summer course. It is always a pleasure to work together with you and S... also did a good job. All was well organized.

I know you are always busy in organizing new highlights to support us in improving our knowledge. I... and P... are going to take part in this year’s reunion week end. I’m sure they will enjoy it.

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Hi Bill

Thank you so much for the great days in Belfast. Next week I plan to teach some "special" lessons about my stay in NI.

My students asked me so many amazing questions that I decided to answer them this way.

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and will tell everybody, who allows me to do so, all about it. ...

I am still thrilled by all the impressions and experiences. ...

As expected, I enjoyed the time in Ireland very much, so nicely organised and in detail. The stay with S... was fantastic, her whole family is lovely - we had interesting chats (her husband could even give me some insights into how in NI logistics work), we could witness after-school life and it was great to be taken care of the way S... did. The school visit was amazing - I learned so much about phrases, attitudes and a very strict, but at the same time relaxed teacher-student attitude. The students seem to love their school very much. And what I find most striking was the idea that students can take on more responsibility for themselves. In Germany, it is unthinkable that students could be allowed to play games like Hurling during break times unsupervised. The PE teacher said that although Hurling could be quite dangerous there hadn't been an accident or anything to complain about in all those years. I think we should introduce that idea into our school system, too. And the teachers were so helpful! The PE teacher suggested that E... and me could try out Hurling ourselves, the business studies teacher had no problem with me partaking in his classes spontaneously... It was great to see V... and P... again, S ... has been lovely - and F..., the bus driver, has been a very good choice.

Your courses help me a lot not to be frustrated with my level of English going down. I can see it with my colleagues. You can't stop this development when teaching English on such a basic level without some fresh input. One has to have something to keep their spirits up.

Once again lots of thanks for our stay and for your organisation.

It was wonderful experiencing that time in NI.

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Belfast 2012 – Participants’ Feedback

Thank you so much for the wonderful experience of having the possibility to learn English in really stunning surroundings. I loved everything about the trip to Northern Ireland: the Sunday bus trip, the lecturers, the hotel, the host and his home and of course the two days in the extraordinary primary school in Carrickfergus. The gala dinner with the breath-taking view over Belfast was the dot on the i - a real highlight. ...

Every teacher spent two days with a host family in their home. It was a great experience for me to have such a nice host and be able to talk about all topics we liked.

Bill, you made the very best out of everything. There were no problems you could not solve.

Please give my best wishes to your wife and your children, especially to C....

Back home. Very exhausted, but full of great memories!

Thank you so much for organizing this unforgettable week in N-Ireland!!! Without you we could have never experienced such a varied programme. I enjoyed each day, each minute. Also the very long days at the college were worth doing. I could talk about this great college experience for hours.

Liverpool - I don't regret this as my stopover. Fantastic city centre with breathtaking Albert Dock!

Best wishes

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Dear Bill

I am really sorry for this delayed thank to you and your colleagues as well as family members. After coming back I now want to write you to thank you all for this really interesting and informative programme which you offered us in Northern Ireland.

Everything was so well prepared by you and we had the chance to experience so many new historical, cultural, social and economic things in and around Belfast. Especially, the school visits were really exciting and all of us could get a good insight in the Northern Irish school system, its structure and teaching methods. Please, thank all the schools and their representatives/ teachers who gave us the chance to be a part of their school for the two days. Also the stay with the host families was great idea and made us speak English more intensively.

Your cultural programme, especially the bus tour through Northern Ireland, the preparation for our schools and the whole organisation were excellent. You did really good work.

And Bill, if there is any possibility, please think about organising an English course for teachers of A-levels/ As-levels who all deal with the same topics based on common curricula. The topics are the same and methods how to work with texts can be of their interest too.

Thanks a lot for everything Bill.

Dear Bill

I am writing to say again thank you for organizing such an interesting course for us. Everything was really “well-balanced” – time for lessons, time for sightseeing (I was at a very impressive tour with the black taxi and I visited the Titanic – museum, which was amazing), a little time for shopping, time for organizing things, time for conversation in our host family, time for visiting St. Louis Grammar School, which was really inspiring. Moreover, the day trip at the coast of NI was amazing, as well, and of course the dinner at Belfast castle. Basically, I was also very happy to be together with participants and teachers of my summer course in 2011. To sum it up, I myself feel that I have again improved my English and I really have learned so much about Northern Ireland. I am looking forward to another follow-up course with you. I have heard about your thinking

of one-week-courses for us in Ludwigsfelde. That would be great. And please, do only think of all the positive moments we all together had. Best wishes...

Dear Bill

Now I'm back in Berlin and I hope the second course was also a great success. Today is my last day of the holidays... and looking back to Northern Ireland I want to say thank you very much for the course. I think it was so great, marvellous and really fantastic. I learned so many things about your country, school system and of course about your language.

I wish you and your family the best.

Warmest greetings
yours ...!

Thank you so much for the wonderful time we had in Northern Ireland. I'm so happy that you gave us the opportunity to dive into the language in your country. And it was good that you gave us a lot of challenges, as for instance, making telephone calls or finding the way to schools by ourselves. So we became more and more self-confident, using the foreign language. And thanks for organising all the wonderful trips and school visits. My host family was so nice – as well as the host school with their lovely teachers and children.

The time in Northern Ireland was really great. The organisation was as usual very good and it was an excellent mix of school visits, lessons (with you or other people) and getting to know your beautiful country. Especially the two days at school were very interesting. The teachers at school were welcoming and warm and at Belfast High School interested in the former life of the GDR. We were even able to start a school partnership and hope that it will work.

Our host family was super. Both C... and her husband spent a lot of their time with us and we talked about so many different issues. Super.

Thank you, Bill, for all your efforts. It was a fantastic time and I do not regret that I again used my holidays for this teachers' training. I hope there will be another training one time and we could meet again.

All the best for your firm and for further trainings.

Dear B... thank you for this great experience. We really enjoyed Belfast, your course, our school visits and staying in our lovely host family. We hope to see you soon for the next advanced course.

Dear Bill

M... and I arrived at Airport Berlin Schönefeld yesterday morning. It was a wonderful time in Northern Ireland. I learnt a lot both in your seminars and in the host family and at school. Sometimes it was a little bit exhausting because of the changes of accommodations. But in the end it helped to speak a lot, ask for leaving our luggage in the hotel and so on...

The day at the coast was great and the school visit was the best. Thank you for organizing everything. We had two days more in Dublin. As you recommended we did the "Hop on Hop off" tour there and visited Trinity college with its wonderful library and the National Galery (only the paintings).

Best wishes and give my regards to V... too.

Dear Bill,

I'd like to say thank you again for the well-organised trip to Northern Ireland. It was a pleasure and great experience for me. There is a big difference between learning English at home and using English in UK. I liked Belfast very much and the people. Everyone has been so friendly and helped when we asked the way.

I enjoyed my stay at the Rosstulla very much. My host family was really nice. I've learnt a lot about living on a farm, life in a Scots-Irish family. We talked a lot about our education systems, about traditions and even politics. The children showed me their hobbies, explained me their schools.

I got great experience on my school visit at Rosstulla School. There are learning only children with learning difficulties as kids with down's syndrome, with autism and heavy forms of ADHS. I was excited to see how the teachers managed the big differences between the students. In every class were 12 students, a teacher and a classroom assistant. Even some of the pupils had a one-to-one.

In Germany I work at a mainstream primary school, know all of our students from six to thirteen. So I can really compare it, because in our classes are 2 or 3 students with learning difficulties. But I have to manage the teaching myself. These students have got two extra lessons but most of the time they are together with their classmates. So in our classes are pupils at different stages, some want to go to Grammar School are very clever other need a lot of help. Differentiation is a good word but not always so easy to do.

It was great to see how quiet and sensitive the teachers had been working. And I was really jealous of the perfect accommodation. There has been in every classroom a white board to use the internet, play easily music and films. The children used it for writing and presentations. Between Germany and UK is there a big difference. We just starting using white boards, at the moment I'm working with old fashioned TVs, I'm running for a DVD-player or projector. Also I'm changing rooms for every lesson and must bring all the technical equipment with me.

Teachers at Rosstulla School were able to change their methods in shortest time which is very important for younger learners and I never saw them in a hurry like me. I saw them teaching children of different ages, in one class students from 4/5/6 years. They have been started the new school year in dependence of their abilities. In Brandenburg there we only can do this in FLEX-classes from year 1-3. I always thought about the conclusion when I observed this special school and I think it worked very well. Why we want to change this system. It is hard enough to teach these children and to manage the different stages. I saw that half of the class could read, the other started with reading. At Rosstulla School children can learn well and all their abilities and even their talents are supported. These schools should not to be closed.

When I told my colleagues about my possibility to go to Northern Ireland for further education they asked: "Why do you do it in your holidays?" All I can say is, it was it worth it.

Thank you very much. You did a great job.

Best hugs

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Hi Bill, I would like to give you feedback on our fantastic follow-up course in N Ireland.

Firstly, the course has been a huge success thanks to your dedication and effort. I really appreciate all your work which had to be done in order to prepare everything for that perfect immersion experience.

Secondly, the visit of Millburn Primary School in Coleraine was spellbinding and absolutely useful for me. I was warmly welcomed and got the opportunity to see five different Years. I was allowed to take photographs. I was really fascinated by the teaching methods of my colleagues. They only gave positive feedback in order to encourage and motivate the pupils. The school culture can be described as pupil orientated, learning-centred, positive and open, built on dignity and respect. The agreed vision is that all children can succeed. The way the teachers organised various group activities, including the well-conceived use of whiteboards, was gripping to watch.

I got the chance to chat with the principal Mr John Platt, with Mrs Sharon Lamont and with a good few of teachers as well.

I also got the opportunity to give a power-point presentation on the place I call home and my school during the assembly.

John Platt gave me some very interesting reports to enable me to get more detailed information about Millburn Primary School.

I would have loved to stay another day at that school.

Thirdly, I really enjoyed the language study and practice. The stay with my host family was among the other highlights of our course the one I am deeply thankful for. I was having a great time chatting informally about lots of different issues. "Make yourself at home!"- these four words perfectly describe my experience. I really felt at home. I will never forget your hospitality.

Fourthly, I am firmly convinced that the professional development courses (both the summer course at LISUM and the course in N Ireland) provided by you, Bill, were far and away the best which could happen to me and my English teachers colleagues in order to improve our communication skills and to gain much more confidence in our abilities to use the English language.

Both courses were inspiring and motivating. They were challenging and well-structured. They were fun and surpassed all my expectations.

I really would like to take part in a further advanced English language which would be planned, organised and led by you, Bill.

I could not think of any better opportunity for life-long learning as an English teacher. Thank you for everything, Bill. Every success for your future projects! ...

Hello Bill,

I arrived sound and safe in my home town.

Northern Ireland was a great experience in every respect. Actually, it already has a big influence on our language and thinking. On Tuesday I went to our little shop to buy some cake and I couldn't remember the word "Streuselschnecke". - Communication problems - at home!!!

That's funny, isn't it?

Thanks a lot and best wishes

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Please give my kindest regards to your wife V.... I'll never forget her last famous words:"You'll find your way!" I love the ambiguity in her sentence: We found our way in Dublin and we'll find our way in life, teaching... See you.

Hi Bill, thank you very much for having the chance to learn about the Irish and Ireland and visiting schools. It was a great experience and I had a lot of fun. The course was very well organized, but there was not so much time to stay at schools. It was only a short insight. We had a lot of possibilities to speak English during the course, with teachers and pupils in the schools, with our host families, in shops, in restaurants and in the streets. I am so encouraged to practise English. And I'd like to come to Ireland again.

I hope the second course will go as well as ours.

Cheers

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Dear Bill,

Just in time I would like to do my homework- my feedback on our wonderful week in N Ireland and Dublin. At first let me say: Thank YOU and V... so much for the great possibility to improve my English! We practised a lot

during the lessons, got useful information about the country and the school system and of course I appreciated to stay with my very nice host family in C...! Thank you for the perfect organization, impressive experiences and a lot of fun!

But I learned more than only English language; I remembered the feeling of being a pupil who doesn't know the answers...! I enjoyed your way of teaching with motivation, humour and always music. I learned a lot about my profession.

Now of course I require a continuation of this work to keep up my level of language skills.

We - some teachers from Potsdam and nearby - decided to found a conversation group. Our first meeting will be in the end of October with participants of the summer course 2012 in our Waldstadt Primary School. P... F... organized it.

Nevertheless I would like to get further courses with you and your team like the summer courses in Ludwigsfelde!

Thanks again for everything!

With my best regards ...

Hi Bill

Enclosed some feedback about our week in Belfast. In general everything was fine, due to the change of accommodation a bit of hassle with the travel to the dinner but otherwise we were located right in the city centre. I think the sightseeing tour should be at the beginning of the week and while it's light outside. It could include more of the segregation and murals. I went to see all this later with P...'s husband and found it really interesting, but I know some weren't interested so much in this part. It was a good experience to visit the schools, but maybe it was a bit too short and there wasn't enough time to talk to the others about their experiences. I think it's better to put the teachers from the same sort of school (primary, secondary) together as I was more interested to know how it worked in other primary schools than in a grammar schools. I don't even know the system in our grammar schools and colleges very well.

So, altogether it was a great experience and I don't know how to do it differently, without moving around so much. Maybe the schools should all know that we come with the luggage. For some this was a bit of a hassle. As I was travelling only with hand luggage I wasn't too much bothered.

Hope that gives you a bit of a feedback. Thanks for all your effort. ...

Dear Bill, I'm back again and I'd like to thank you for the great time in Northern Ireland. It was my first, unfortunately short stay on the island of Ireland, and it exceeded all my expectations. Thank you for all the well-organized trips, I was fascinated by the landscape, Giant's Causeway - awesome, our evening bus tour through Belfast was great, I enjoyed the delicious dinner at Belfast castle and the talks with different local people, the two days in Dublin were full of sightseeing and amazing places as well. Our lessons at Stranmillis were varied, lots of the given materials and exercises and role plays... I can use at school, too. I don't want to leave out the experiences of the school visits. I attended the Holy Trinity College in Cookstown. The principal, the teachers (esp. M...) gave me a very warm welcome, they were interested and helpful; I was offered a couple of brochures, the pupils were curious and asked lots of questions about school life in Germany. Very quickly we got into contact.

I'd like to write about some of my first impressions about the College - things that seem to be different from the schools I know here in our region:

- all rooms are well-equipped with books, stationery, additional materials, printers;
- all the books, materials, bus transportation are free;
- in all rooms there are white boards with internet access and 4 to 5 workplaces for pupils to work on the Internet;
- the teachers are supported by classroom assistants;

- the science department, home economics, technology have technicians, they are responsible for setting up apparatus and clearing;
- all pupils take active part in music class, they all learn to play an instrument;
- teachers check the attendance of the pupils at the beginning of each class via computer, it is called system information management module;
- although there are more than 900 pupils at school it was rather quiet, pupils are used to queue before entering or leaving the room
- the sports fields are enormous and well kept, pupils played Gaelic football and hurling
- there are a lot of vocational courses, business studies, agriculture, drama...

However, in lots of cases teachers have to cope with the same problems, difficulties we have, and the exchange of views was in my opinion really interesting.

Bill, I hope your second week was successful as well and you have time for a rest. Lots of greetings to V.... Best wishes and have a nice weekend.

Hi Bill

Thank you so much for the great time in NI you prepared for us. I really enjoyed the time there, especially at school. I have fallen in love with your country and hope to come back next year. If the ministry won't let me come, I'll spend my holiday there.

Say hi to V... please.

Dear Bill

I would like to tell you once more how marvellous the week was. I have to try hard to concentrate on my German affairs, because in my thoughts I'm still in Belfast.

Dear Bill

I hope that the second course went without difficulties and all participants were satisfied and learned much about your school system and could practise their English as we did.

I returned home with great impressions about Northern Ireland and with an enormous input of English. The best things were the school visits. I've learned a lot about the teacher's job in your country. They all were communicative and didn't feel disturbed by our visits during their lessons.

Also the stay in Irish homes was nice. ...We spent two wonderful evenings with interesting talks and I got to know a nice couple. Also the final dinner at Belfast Castle was impressive and excellently prepared.

It was also very helpful being together with teachers from other Brandenburg schools because we learned from each other about teaching methods and solving problems in classes.

What can be improved?

1. The distances between the host school and host family should be shortened.
2. I would have learned a bit more about Irish history and life. A sightseeing tour at the beginning of our stay would have helped to explore some places of interest.

I wish you and your lovely family a good time and success in all projects you plan. It's a pleasure knowing you and I look forward to any further meeting, course or whatever.

All the best and big thank you

Mit freundlichen Grüßen...

Dear Bill

This week was an interesting one as we got prepared for our stay at school and finally got a chance to be in the North-Irish classrooms. And the city-tour and castle dinner were superb ... especially with unexpected guests (hosts).

We had a wonderful trip to the North Coast which was in good weather. We could have repeated some information on Belfast and Northern Ireland. But the training was useful although I would have expected another candidate for the language issues. He should have told us more about accents and individual language patterns as well as about Catholics and protestants.

Considering the accommodation it would always be helpful to have all people in one place for breakfast but there were probably not so many chances.

All in all it was a nice trip to a country we know a little better by now and an invitation to come back.

A couple of pictures are attached as requested.

Thanks again - also to your family
and many greetings from Germany (with Olympic spirits considering the football game and your chances for the next tournament)

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from Neuruppin

Hello Bill

We arrived on Sunday in the evening in Berlin.

The days in Dublin we enjoyed very much, had a great time.

Your programme was very good. The different tasks were good, too.

Most important for us was the stay at different schools and in host families. Ours was very nice.... Both C... and her husband lovely persons.

They were interested in us, our job, country and families. We had interesting conversations in a great atmosphere. We could speak about everything. We felt that we've known each other for ages.

Unfortunately we had not so much time for ourselves.

The trip to the causeway coast and the dinner in Belfast castle I'll never forget.

You did it all well.

I wish you all the best - and OMG we had a great time.

Greetings...

Dear Bill

Thank you very much again for giving us the opportunity to experience Northern Ireland. We really had a great time and enjoyed touring the North as well as meeting our host family and visiting the college.

Unfortunately back home things are no longer so relaxing and we are very sorry to tell you that we won't be able to take part in the reunion. Please, say hi to P., V... and all our summer academy colleagues from us.

And then, we do hope that we meet again at another teacher training course.

Yours...

I would like to say thank you for the lovely and really great time I could spend with you. I enjoyed everything and feel happy with all the new impressions and inspiration. Thank you so much. Bill, thank you for organising everything for us and I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to come over and gain new experience. ...V... Thank you for being with us during the trips. I hope to see you both again next year in the summer academy which I would like to join. Take care, relax a bit and I am looking forward to seeing and meeting you soon again. Love ...

Dear Bill!

We have been teaching our pupils for two weeks. Our impressions in Northern Ireland motivate us to improve our English constantly. When we keep your country in our mind, we remember the beautiful pictures of Giant's Causeway, the coastline, Bushmills Distillery and Belfast Castle. In Antrim H... and me had a wonderful view of the lake 'Lough Neagh'. We were impressed by so many flowers in Antrim Garden at the beginning of October. We thank the principal and all the colleagues of St. Comgall's Primary School for their warm welcome. It was an honour for us that the Catholic priest called our names during the mass. 470 pupils took part in this event very well-behaved. It was typical for St. Comgall's School, that so many colourful displays, essays and posters are to be seen. We were astonished by the technical equipment in all classrooms. The teachers prepared power point presentations, which is a very effective method of teaching, incomparable with our blackboards. We were surprised, that BBC provides the schools with documentaries and other films. So they bring reality into classroom. In each class there a teacher and an assistant work together. They set a good example for team-work. At a teachers' meeting we're going to talk about our impressions at St. Comgall's School and we're going to show a lot of photos.

Dear Bill,

3 weeks went by so fast! We're in a rush again, but nevertheless we want to say "Thank you" for an amazing experience in Northern Ireland! We remember this wonderful time every day and of course feel much more confident in our daily work.

You organized everything so well, Bill and we've learned such a lot! Especially we liked to be forced to organize things that gave us more confidence in acting and "living" in a different country. As a result of that we stay in close contact with Irish people and we enjoy that very much! At the moment we're working on a partnership with our Irish Primary School in Ballymena and that's not only fun and joy for us but for our students as well. Thank you so much for everything, Bill!

Best wishes to you and your family. We're hoping to hear from you soon (if you have time...)

Yours, ...

The follow-up course in Northern Ireland was very well organised, interesting and effective, particularly with regard to the school visits which exceeded all (my) expectations and made a lasting impression on me. I have been telling my colleagues and friends about this amazing experience at Antrim Grammar School and hopefully we will manage to implement some of their work methods at German schools. I can highly recommend this course to anyone who wants to learn more about Northern Ireland!!

I enjoyed my stay in Northern Ireland very much. It was an interesting and useful experience for me.

Thanks again for everything.

Best wishes ...

I really admire the work Bill Brodie and his staff did to organize the course. Overcoming all difficulties the course advanced straight like a Prussian army. Everything necessary was impressively organized, but on the other hand there was space for flexibility and individual experience. I liked the main challenge - the day at British schools - best.

The balance between all components of this course (academic lectures, practical challenges) was perfect – as an experienced teacher Bill Brodie has a sense of the needs of his colleagues. I will recommend the Brolancon Courses to all of my colleagues.

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