

MUN/MEP

Vi har et stort hold af elever på Nørre G, som deltager i gruppen MUN (Model United Nations), som hver uge mødes og debatterer og træner debatteknikker. I skoleåret 2012-2013 havde gruppen 2 elever med til MEP (Model European Parliament) i Leipzig, hvor de har deltaget i en række politiske diskussioner med andre unge fra EU-landene, ligesom flere elever fra gruppen har deltaget i 2 MUN-konferencer her i Danmark.

(Nedenfor finder I 2 bilag fra MEP- og MUN-konferencerne).

Bilag 1: MEP

Leipzig i det gamle Østtyskland er en moderne storby af selvmodsigelse. Byen har Tysklands største Banegård (24 spor og 3 etager!), Tysklands stejleste kirketag og adskillige arkitektoniske seværdigheder. Det er byen, hvor adskillige store musikere har levet og komponeret, særligt Johan Sebastian Bach, der står og skuer ud over befolkningen foran Thomaskirche, klar til at give en ringende lussing til alle dem, der ikke synger rent.

Sammen med de ”gamle” elementer er der strøet diverse barer ud over nattelandskabet, og ikke langt fra Alte Rathaus og andre ”alte” bygninger ligger en kæmpe kirke-lignende bygning i glas. Sporvogne kører overalt i denne by, jeg selv kunne ikke helt undgå at have nære konfrontationer med indtil flere.

Det var i denne hektiske by at Model European Parliament Leipzig blev afholdt. Flere end 100 delegerede fra 8 forskellige lande blev indkvarteret på et Hostel nær ved Leipzig Hauptbahnhof, og så var der lagt op til en uge, hvor fremtidens ledere kunne drøfte eller løse aktuelle emner, men også en uge med nye venskaber, sprog og en international følelse, man sjældent mærker andre steder.

For en ting, der blev gjort helt klart under konferencen var, at vi var fremtidens ledere. Vores engagement og interesse for verden omkring os skulle bære os langt og give os uendelige muligheder. Men hvad vigtigere var, som Formand Dan Gustafsson også nævnte i sin åbningstale, var at vi ved at deltage i en begivenhed som denne gjorde os selv internationale, og ikke mindst europæiske. Og dette, i en globaliseret verden, hvor det ofte er nødvendigt at finde et fælles sprog. Noget, der rækker meget længere end engelsk, tysk, fransk eller spansk.

Fandt vi så dette europæiske sprog? Den danske delegation på 11 elever fra Gefion, Rysensteen, Ringsted, Svendborg og Nørre blev fordelt over 5 forskellige komitéer, der alle drøftede aktuelle og relevante EU-problematikker.

I komitéen var dresscode skjorte, blazer, nypudsede sko og slips, man lyttede opmærksomt, man rakte landekortet op, man talte kun under godkendelse af komitépræsidenten og alt, hvad man sagde, skulle startes med ”Thank you, Madame/Mr. President”.

Ikke nok med, at disse komitéer skulle arbejde sammen for at løse problemet, skulle vi også selv finde emner, som vi mente, var relevante og løselige.

Mange vil sige, at EU er en bureaukratisk union. Efter de 10 timers komitéarbejde, der var indlagt i programmet, kan jeg sige, at jeg til dels forstår, hvorfor dette bureaukrati finder sted. Selv i en komité på blot 10 mennesker var meningerne vidt forskellige, og alle ville gerne have et ord med. Vi vidste alle, at selve ånden i Model European Parliament lægger op til, ligesom i det virkelige EU, at man skal blive enige om en fælles løsning, for sammen at stå stærkere. Kompromiser blev indgået af mange parter, men samtidig var der også plads til at man kunne slappe af og grine lidt, fx når Catalonien blev brugt som eksempel... for 100.000 gang.

Alt i alt var Leipzig den rigtige værtsby til MEP. Det, at byen består af så mange, selvmodsigende elementer er, for mig, blot en refleksion af den gruppe mennesker, der besøgte den. Vi har også alle vores forskellige meninger. Nogen kan bedst lide gotisk arkitektur, andre victoriansk, men sammen formår vi at fremstå som en forenet styrke. Præcis ligesom Leipzig fremstår som en moderne storby, i modsætning til 30 små provinser. Det er hvad jeg må konkludere, er den europæiske ånd. At man, på trods af forskellige holdninger, meninger og historie, sammen kan blive enige om, på fredelig vis, at én stor stemme er bedre end 27 små. Det kan vi være stolte af, både i form af de fire resolutioner, der er kommet ud af de 10 timers arbejde, men også som potentielle fremtidige ledere. Den europæiske fællesnævner og ånden bag den er det vigtigste, jeg har taget med mig fra MEP Leipzig 2012.

Lærke Shi Clemen Christensen 1i

Bilag 2: MUN

EGMUN was a very fun experience and you learn so much about how it is to be in the United Nations. It was both challenging and exciting to be confronted by realistic problems, and having to take a stance on them, from your country's perspective. I was in the Crisis Committee, where I was faced with different situations and had to find solutions quickly and effectively. The debates, which took place in my committee were intense, and displayed the vast knowledge the delegates had on their countries. It was an inspirational conference that sparked new interests, knowledge and friendships. The conference has made me aware of the importance of world politics and the effect the delegates' debates and resolutions can have on civilians, like myself. EGMUN also increased my confidence as a public speaker and I have definitely learned a lot. Overall, I had an amazing experience and I would strongly encourage everyone to participate in the next Model United Nations conference, wherever it may be.

- Pernille

I think that the conference was really good, and a really good opportunity to learn about UN. One thing which was really special and good, especially with my country, was that you saw things from another countries perspective. You learned how to understand why other countries think the way they do. It is really important now, in the globalised world that we have today. MUN will help us solve international conflicts in the future, because we get that understanding. Therefore MUN is important for us students, and future politicians.

- Matin Mahmoudi 1.

EGMUN was definitely a learning experience. Though very intimidating at first, it has helped me understand what goes on in the UN, and has helped me think more critically ("This resolution is not nearly specific enough" was a popular argument among delegates.) I also feel a lot more comfortable when speaking in public now, and had, in fact, grown so used to the formal MUN procedures, that I looked for a placard to raise when asking a question during my first class after the conference. In the Commission for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice I submitted a resolution on human trafficking, and co-wrote a resolution on juvenile delinquency, both of which passed in my commission, and one of which was taken to the ECOSOC, where it also passed. It was definitely a new experience, and something I would love to continue to do.

- Elizabeth

Last week, Wednesday through Sunday, eight students from our school went to Egmun (Espergærde Model United Nations). I was one of them. Our school was Egypt, and we had to discuss everything from an Egyptian viewpoint. The eight delegates were divided into different committees and councils. I was in the fourth committee, where we discussed three topics. The topic, which interested me the most, was the Israeli occupation of the Golan Heights in Syria. I was working on getting Israel to leave, and I succeeded. After all the preliminary work was done in the different committees and councils, we went to the general assembly, where my resolution was passed after a lot of drama. After the first round it had passed with a bare minimum of votes, and then there was a motion to divide the house. A motion to divide the house is when abstention is not allowed. After this the resolution passed again.

We had loads of fun, we met interesting people, and I can only recommend others to join!

- Erik Qvistgaard

Egmun 2012 was definitely an experience I will not forget, it was filled with long hours of debating, huge amounts of coffee consumption and some fun parties with international people. I was representing Egypt as

the ambassador and I thoroughly enjoyed my responsibilities, although at times it was demanding, but in the end it was an enjoyable experience. I made new friends from places I had not been to, which meant that it was a truly international experience. The debates were fruitful, some were very serious but being teenage students we found ways to make these debates fun and enjoyable. This is my last MUN conference and EGMUN 2012 has been the best possible way to say good bye.

- Siddharth

I can safely say that EGMUN 2012 has improved both my debating and speaking skills. I was in the social and humanitarian committee, where The Arab Spring and aid in Africa were the points on the agenda we discussed that were discussed. As I represented Egypt, I had quite a lot to say in the committee. EGMUN 2012 opened perspective on how global issues are negotiated and debated across countries. It was also an opportunity for meeting some very interesting people from a variety of different schools in Europe.

- Salik

