

Henri Brulle High School

High school students from 5 countries united around climate issues

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Young Turkish, Spanish, Italians and Romanians shared their cultures with those of Henri Brulle high school last week : the last day was marked by the planting of a tree.

As part of an Erasmus + project called « Our scene is Europe », the Henri Brulle Vocational high school welcomed pupils from Romania, Turkiye, Spain and Italy. During the week of 8 to 12 April, these students, along with a group of French students from the high school, visited the region to learn more about ecology and climate issues.

Last week, Henri Brulle high school welcomed groups of young Europeans. They shared a common language, English. And a common concern reflected on by students from all over Europe : climate change and environmental issues.

A busy week of visits and activities around the theme of ecology. The aim was not only to raise awareness but also to share cultures between the French, Turkish, Spanish, Romanians and Italians. The young French students had the opportunity to travel to Turkiye, Spain and Romania during the year. They will go to Italy next May.

This project was launched two years ago by the school's Romanian partners. The idea was born in 2019 and was put in place after the Covid crisis. A small group of 8 committed and motivated students from Henri Brulle high school are taking part. They are delighted with the experience : « Frankly it's great ! We can talk to them and share different cultures. We're also improving our English. We've learnt a lot about ecology and how they see things differently and their different ways of life », say Chloé and Maïté, the French students. Bianca, a young Romanian girl, is also delighted with the programme : « It was really fantastic ! We met new people and did lots of activities. As far as the environment is concerned, all I can say is that everything starts with us. If we want to, we can change the world for the better. » « In seven days, we also talked about the environment and how to limit pollution. It's very important because of global warming », adds Flavio, a young Italian.

The students were then awarded a diploma in the afternoon. The Erasmus+ Certificate certifying that they have completed the week of « Student Learning Teaching Training Activities » for the « Our scene is Europe » project.

A project sealed by a tree in the courtyard

Friday 12th was the last day for the European high school students. Pupils, along with their respective teachers from each country, as well as teacher Yves Carbonnier and deputy headmaster Sébastien Gaugez, planted an apple tree in the school grounds to « seal partnerships and bring biodiversity to the school ». They also buried a time capsule at the foot of the tree (see below). A busy week of visits and activities to raise awareness of the climate challenges for these European students.

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A time capsule made of recycled corn to be opened in 5 years



Just after the planting of the apple tree, the students are gathered in the room to think about the message for the future that they want to place in a time capsule. Ideally, the same students who took part in the project will come back to dig up the capsule and reopen their personal message, according to the two directors. The young people sit down in groups of different nationalities and think together about what to put down on paper. Some are drawing, others are writing, all around the theme of the environment and what they have been able to get out of this week. Some of the young people are sharing their ideas with each other, while others are showing them to Chrystelle, their English teacher. Once each message has been written, the papers are all placed in the time capsule made from recycled corn. The group of Europeans returns to the tree and a young Romanian boy, accompanied by a Romanian girl, dig a hole, not far from the roots of the apple tree and place the capsule in the ground before covering it with earth. It will sleep in the ground for five long years before being unearthed and opened.

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Time capsule to leave a trace for the future.