



TGS
EUROGROUP
since 1968



TGS
STORIES
life-changing experiences

NEWS LETTER

34

UK edition
April 2021

Happy Easter from TGS!

TGS Staff

Happy Easter to you, dear Friends and Welcome to the traditional appointment with TGS Spring greetings. We hope you are doing well at least as much as we are doing here.

We think you might enjoy reading some lines from "TGS Journal", our blog column, and we have selected some for you.

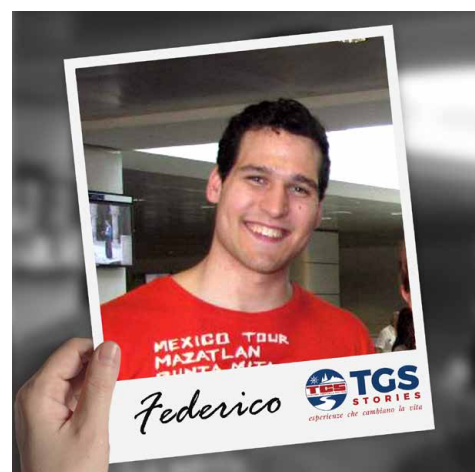
"TGS Stories" is a dedicated section for former and current members to introduce their personal experience within the Association. How did we get to it? In 2020, a number of posts made us relive more than 50 years inside the Association. While retracing the history of the Association, we realised how TGS Eurogroup has affected many people over the years. In turn, it picked the curiosity to know more about their personal involvement. This is how the "TGS Story" column has developed into "TGS Stories", respectfully investigating memories and reports from many TGS members whose life projects have been (deeply) touched – even shaped – by their attendance and cooperation with TGS.

"Thank you TGS. Without you I wouldn't have had the chance to meet one of my dearest friends and without her I wouldn't be the same person; I wouldn't have developed my great

passion for travelling; I wouldn't have understood how much little things care and how much we impact on the others; I wouldn't have had the chance to improve my English, a language that had been fascinating me over the years; I wouldn't have thought that strangers can become family members and again hadn't I had the chance to lead a group of students, I wouldn't be that organised in my life. I could go on listing standpoints TGS has taught me to master!" [Elisa]

Second, the new blog column is a spotlight on how TGS was crucial for the development of one's skills. *"Team working, establishing relationships, problem solving, taking on responsibility, making decisions, negotiating, being effective, optimizing time are some of the skills that become part of your way of acting and working, whoever you become in life. Never will I stop being grateful to Father Dino Berti and to TGS. The person I have become, is shaped by my experience within the Association and by all I have received from it."* [Cristina]

Third, it shows that teachings from TGS experiences are good companions in everyday life, even beyond the Association. It is rewarding for us to see how TGS helped many members to pursue their dreams, some in Italy, others across the Channel where they had first landed on a TGS mission or even in





faraway countries. "TGS has taught me how beautiful it is to travel, to get in touch with different cultures and traditions. Thanks to the English language courses offered by the Association, I was able to invest in other experiences abroad as participating in the Erasmus University Project that led me to Norway for 6 months. I went and lived in Sydney, and worked in a restaurant there. Later, I worked as a nurse in England. These are stages of my career that most probably wouldn't have happened, if I hadn't encountered TGS on my way. I treasure all that I have learned and make use of it in my daily practice even at work (I am an instrumental nurse). It helps me take better care of people and help make them feel better even though they are going through a difficult time in life." [Federico].

In addition, this project is also highlighting that very moment in one's life when members got to know the Association and how TGS experiences affected their life choices, both on a personal and on a working level. "For both of us, it all started in 1996, when we joined TGS Eurogroup, walking different paths. A university friend invited me (Katya) to go to a TGS presentation of the Summer courses in England, with the perspective of becoming a students' leader. On the other hand, Domenico met TGS thanks to the Salesians of Castello di Godego (Treviso), where he was carrying out his civil service. After being trained, in 1997 we happened to be in the same leader group in Tonbridge. Still in those days, it was common to say 'Once you enter the TGS family, you can't but fall in love with it'. It happened to both of us. 1997 marked the beginning of a long cooperation with the Association. I had the chance to be a leader first, then a Committee member and finally I was head of the TGS Office. Where was Domenico all that time? Next to me, as we had got married in the meanwhile. He had been supporting my commitment to TGS and he himself has never drifted apart from the Association. TGS is family,

friendship, and joy... unforgettable emotions to carry inside and to fill you with, alongside with the enthusiasm and the hope that good things happen in life and make us wish for a better world." [Katya & Domenico]

The general feeling is that TGS has allowed its supporters and cooperators to make "life-changing experiences", in every field of their lives. "Every TGS class I've taught over the years has been huge fun and my students have been motivated and excited to learn. TGS has changed my life because I'm now a very experienced EFL teacher with many years teaching under my belt. TGS has provided me with the opportunity to grow as a teacher in a super-friendly, inclusive and supportive environment, the same as it provides for the young people I've taught. I'm very grateful to be part of the TGS 'family' in the U.K." [Sarah].

Finally, "Friendship, happiness, sharing, personal growth... here's what to expect from a TGS experience. And this alone should be a good reason for you to put on the TGS backpack and make you wish to cooperate. However, it can also surprise you even more and in an unexpected way: for us it was the opportunity to get to know each other and begin, once back to Italy, the story of our life together." [Marta & Mattia]

Should you wish to share your personal involvement in TGS, our e-mail account blog@tgseurogroup.it is more than ready to welcome your experience! Once again... Happy Easter!



TGS NEWSLETTER no. 34, April 2021 (UK edition)

TGS EUROGROUP - Turismo Giovanile Sociale
Via Marconi 22, 31021 Mogliano Veneto (Treviso), Italy
tel. 041 5904717- fax. 041 5906702 - info@tgseurogroup.it

tgseurogroup.it

