

NEWS LETTER

Merry Christmas from TGS!

Alessandra Granziero, TGS Trainer

Our festive season newsletter is on its way to all of you. As a tradition, it is a good chance to send an end year evaluation of our proceeding. What should we start with? 2017 has proved to be such a favourable year that we find it difficult to choose what to tell you first.

TGS visit to the EU institutions in Brussels last February opened a new year where our TGS18+ Project, focused on active citizenship, would still be one of the main features for the following months as well. As part of this project, we planned a visit to the Houses of Parliament in London in the Summer, followed by a journey to Madrid in Autumn, offering the opportunity to visit the head office of the UN World Tourism Organization.

While our walk for solidarity "Up and Down the Bridges of Venice", held last April, was still a vivid memory among us and as soon as our TGS training weekends were over, it became time to appoint the Leaders who were to guide all TGS students to England. And then it was time to leave for the UK again! For the second year last Summer, we had some Trainers to support the group in each single center of ours. It was a



great experience again. By the way, our English host families accommodated 131 students, plus 24 leaders/priests and 5 trainers.

Guildford was a trial for the so-called "Work-related Learning Programme" which we developed in partnership with the Guildford Tourist Information Center and Guildford College. We thought it was good to give an extra boost to the center where the oldest of our students are hosted. We put in place a new activity that allowed students to attend regular classes in the morning at Guildford College and in the afternoon, while getting ready for their Cambridge examination, they would also deal with issues concerned with tourism and travel. At the same time, they would attend a number of dedicated workshops visiting Guildford guided by volunteer guides, looking for information on their hosting town in order to introduce younger TGS students from Coulsdon to Guildford while playing a treasure hunt all around the town. When the students were back to Italy, we asked them and their families to answer a survey. The results suggested that there is a good number of reasons to propose the same experience again next Summer.

When the groups of students came back home, it was time for TGS collaborators in Italy to have a rest and gather strength to start planning new activities. It was early September when TGS Committee met again to evaluate our Summer language



*«Sir, give me this water!»
Let us cultivate the Art of Listening and of Accompaniment
"Strenna 2018", Fr. Angel Fernández Artime, Rector Major of the Salesians*



*Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
TGS Eurogroup Students, Leaders and Committee*

courses, while checking out all feedbacks from our students, their families and their leaders.

In October we held our TGS Back Together: we met our Summer 2017 students and their families in Mogliano Veneto. We meet them at least once a year after their return from England, usually in January. We decided to have an early meeting this time in order to focus on presenting all our TGS activities for 2018 on the occasion of the traditional Friendship Meeting next January. As usual, at the very beginning of November some members of the Committee travelled to England to meet our collaborators and arranged plans for next Summer.

Planning activities for 2018 has already become a day-by-day commitment this time of the year, especially now that we are also planning the celebration of the 50th Birthday of TGS Eurogroup next year! That is why we took this chance to revamp the look of this TGS newsletter a little bit!

Again, this is that time of the year when we feel we need to thank you for helping us in developing our projects. We like to think we will ideally celebrate Christmas all together and this newsletter allows us to send an affectionate thought to all of you. Merry Christmas!



TGS Summer Courses 2018

Bookings are already open for our Summer Courses 2018 and we enrolled quite a few students already!

If you'd love to be involved in our TGS Summer activities in Great Britain, please get in touch with your local TGS representatives or drop us a line at info@tgseurogroup.it. And remember to take note of our dates below! We're looking forward to meeting you again!

TGS Centre	Dates
Coulsdon	05.07-28.07.2018
Caterham	04.07-27.07.2018
Tonbridge	04.07-27.07.2018
Tunbridge Wells	05.07-28.07.2018
Guildford	15.07-01.08.2018

The aim of TGS Eurogroup is to develop young people educationally, socially and spiritually.

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