



Questing - adult education in open air 3rd meeting – Derry, Northern Ireland 29th to 31st October 2013

Between 29th and 31st October 2013, The Greater Shantallow Area Partnership (Derry, Northern Ireland) hosted the third meeting of the international project Questing. Derry is the second-largest city in [Northern Ireland](#) and the fourth-largest city on the island of [Ireland](#). The name Derry is an [anglicisation](#) of the [Irish](#) name *Daire* or *Doire* meaning "oak grove".

On this visit, we hosted **11** visitors from the Lead Partner Organisation Poland, **4** visitors from the Partner Organisation in the Czech Republic & **8** visitors from the Partner Organisation in Italy.

On the first night we hosted a meet & greet session for all the learners/staff on the Lifelong Learning Project so far i.e. this also included 25 learners/staff from Derry. The GSAP welcomed the partner organisations & then introduced the Chairman of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who gave them a brief history about the Ancient Order. The main aim of this session was to give the participants a chance to meet up with friends that they met on the other hosting trips and to enjoy a night of Irish Culture, food & entertainment; as seen in the photographs below:



Day two of Questing:

The main aim of the questing sessions is to give the participants a flavour of our rich history & culture while making the learning fun through the questing tool. Each participant was given a questing booklet which contained information on the sights and questions, puzzles & quizzes. This enabled the participants to use the learning tool (questing).

(1) The Guildhall – 30th October 2013

The Guildhall is one of Derry's most recognisable landmarks and has been at the heart of city life since 1890.



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(2) The Tower Museum – 30th October 2013

The Tower Museum is located within the City's historic walls and has won four major awards since its opening in October 1992. Photographs of the Partners enjoying "The Story of Derry" which tells the colourful and dramatic history of the city from earliest prehistory to the present.



(3) Culture Night at the Culturann Centre - 30th October 2013

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin is a new purpose built Irish language arts and cultural centre. Photographs of the group enjoying another night of Irish Culture.



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Day three of Questing:

(4) Tour of the Derry Walls - 31st October 2013

Derry, also known as Londonderry is the only remaining completely walled city in Ireland and one of the finest examples of Walled Cities in Europe. Below are photographs of the partners enjoying the dulcet & animated tones of Gavin (Tour Guide) on the questing tour, of the walls;



(5) The Museum of Free Derry - 31st October 2013

The Museum of Free Derry is an archive focusing on the civil rights era of the 1960's and the Free Derry / early troubles of the 1970's. Below are photographs of our partners part-taking in a guided tour; learning about the civil rights era in Derry.



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(6) The Peoples Gallery - 31st October 2013

The People's Gallery is recognised as one of Derry's main tourist sites. It depicts over three decades of conflict and is visited by many thousands of tourists each year. Below are photographs of the partners enjoying a lesson on the history of the Bogside murals.



(7) Skeoge House (Outer North Cultural Hub) - 31st October 2013

The partner teams were welcomed at Skeoge House in Derry where they sampled more traditional Irish dishes such as stew, scone bread & other foods.



After we all enjoyed the food, cooked by the Skeoge House Womens Group; we went through the monitoring & evaluation of the project discussing strengths, weaknesses & the importance of the learning process, how to motivate & keep the interest in learning. We then discussed the final meeting (Italy) with our Italian partners giving a talk on what format that would take i.e. dates, places, questing etc. This was followed by a presentation ceremony to our partners thanking them for their input here in Derry, Northern Ireland.



(8) Derry's Halloween Festival - 31st October 2013

Derry~Londonderry loves Halloween! It originates from the 2,000 year-old Celtic festival of Samhain. The morphing of Samhain into Halloween came about in the 7th century, when Christianity declared All Saints' Day or All-hallows for 1 November. This made the night before it All-hallows Eve, which changed over the years to Halloween. Below are photographs of the festival and our partners enjoying the festivities of the event:



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