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.....ABOUT HER EVS – PROJECT IN THE SCHOOL CENTER IN GRODEK (POLAND),

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This year gave me the opportunity to be more open minded; I discovered new country, new culture and new language. The last nine months I've shared the daily life of Polish people, I took part in their activities, they invited me for religious celebrations, I learned to love their country and respect their culture. I wondered several times "How open I am to try myself in new things?" I was very fortunate because people took care of me and tried to make contact with me, have a real connection. I was in a country with different rights than in France, and I keep having problems with the narrow mentality of some people.

During my EVS project I managed to organize a virtual project between my former High School in France and the school where I worked in Poland. I did this project with a teenager class. They sent each other letters and presents. The idea was to share the culture between two different countries, the children realized they had a lot of things in common, they could learn about these cultural exchanges. For me that was important to take this initiative to make a place for myself at school.

With my school we organized one French afternoon to introduce my culture to the people from my village and from the school. With this specific activity they discovered French's landscape, the place where I live, traditional food. We did a little quiz about French culture and people learned a lot.

- I prepared also this year some presentation about French to show to my students from different classes in primary and secondary school.

With my coordinator we managed to organize French lessons for students who were interested. I have one lesson a week I have now and the possibility to teach them my mother tongue. I'm proud to share my language with them and to realize they are interested to learn too.



Twice a week this year I took part to polish lesson, learn this new language was difficult for me. Indeed the grammar is totally different if we compare with French or English. I realized after some months how that was benefit to try to learn this language to taking part of polish culture and sharing more with people from Poland.

I was impressed when I discovered I can manage my own lesson with my polish students, I am able to communicate with them with basic word in polish and especially we try to go beyond the misunderstanding with movements and drawings. I realized that in the same time when I was teaching the first lessons, I was in the same time learning more polish words to help my students with informal activities thanks to games, and songs.



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