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On 8th of June of 2016 ended the best experience of my life: an EVS in Michalowo, Poland. It was eight months of adventure. But at the end, I have in my suitcase more than I left there. It is full of new family, new friends, trips and knowledge.

The small village in the middle of nowhere achieve to give my everything. And it was as much as I get that now Poland for me has the meaning of home.

My project was in the kindergarten of the village. But step by step I made a lot of things. I was the personal teacher for disabilities children in my group, I went to the city to help like volunteer in disability centres and refugee camps, I went with ANAWOJ at the surrounding area to make parties and conference in the schools and in our same village.



I put myself in all I did, but I was not enough to show my gratitude for all that they do for me. ANAWOJ was a big family. Some volunteers are my friends and with a lot of them we were discovering the world. My flatmate now is more than my best friend, she is like my sister. She was my big support when I was outside and even today. The coordinators were a big support for us, and their families too. They make you not feel alone. And my neighbours in Michalowo are like my parents nowadays. I find a lot of lovely people in a country where all foreigners think is so close-minded and cold. And today I can't stop missing all I left behind with a huge smile.



An EVS changes your life and the world. Be brave to discover the other side of yourself. Don't worry about the country, the weather, the language or whatever. If you do your best everything will be all right. Because at the end, you will be a different person: a better one!

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