

## How to be a good guest at a Comenius conference



During your school time you often come in contact with other international students.

Sometimes you just see them in school, maybe you have one or two lessons with them but sometimes, and that is the most helpful possibility, one of the international guests lives a few days with you. In this case everything could happen.

You are responsible for your partner and you have to watch out that your partner has not an accident. Apart from this there are also other things you have to look on.

You can hurt somebody by hitting him, and you can hurt somebody with words. That could happen without your control because you just make a (bad) joke and you do not realise that this hurts your opponent because of his religion, his education or his values.

Nevertheless you should not say nothing! Do not be a boring partner. You want to learn the language and you want to see the country and you can not do this without speaking.

In addition to that you should not give up if something goes wrong. You are learning from mistakes and when you are creative then you will find ways to overcome e.g. language barriers. Often it becomes very funny when somebody explains something with hands and feet.

Furthermore it is also important when another person makes mistakes, that you will help the person and do not be grumpy and show the cold shoulder, even if the person slighted you. Mistakes happen and that is normal.

Another aspect is that you work with the group as a team. You have to be motivated to reach something during the exchange.

From my point of view it is also important that you know your partners you travel with, and your partners you travel to because you will work much more better and you will have more fun together.

Organise a meeting with your group to talk about your trip and you also should be in contact with your exchange students via Facebook, Whatsapp etc.

All in all I think that it is not hard to be a good guest at an Comenius conference. There are some aspects you have to look on but when you really want to meet people and find new friends while you are learning a language then you should show that you are the right one.