

## ERASMUS+ Personalmobilität für Lehr- und Weiterbildungsstätten – Was Ist das?

Das bedeutet, eine Woche an dem Unterricht an einer englischen Berufsschule teilzunehmen und im Rahmen des ERASMUS+ Programms Fördermittel zu erhalten.

Da Sylke von Lindern sämtliche Formulare, die im Vorwege ausgefüllt werden mussten, vorbereitet hatte und mir bei allen Fragen jederzeit hilfreich zur Seite stand, konnte ich im Mai in der Metallabteilung der SGS in Stroud hospitiere. Ein herzliches Dankeschön an Sylke!

Hier nun der Bericht – in Englisch, wie es sich gehört!

### **A week at the SGS College in Stroud**

From May 9<sup>th</sup> till May 13<sup>th</sup> I was hosted by the SGS College in Stroud, 30 miles east of Bristol, a nice little town in the Cotswolds. The SGS College has departments for Engineering, Construction, Beauty and Hair, Art and Design and the GCSE's.

3000 students attend the college every week and there are 130 students that take Engineering courses.

I spent time with level 2 and 3 learners in the classroom and workshop, as well as the Engineering apprentices and the HNC students, I also took the opportunity to spend some time with plumbing and electrical students. We went to the new Berkeley GREEN site and talked through the future plans for the college and the UTC.

A comparison of the German and English curriculum systems and work practices showed a large number of differences, but also a lot of similarities. The German system specialises a lot earlier than the English system, so an apprentice may spend three years gaining mastery on using lathes and milling machines, conventional ones as well as CNC, whereas the English system encourages a more general understanding of Engineering machining practices and the designing of the products is quite important. Both systems have their advantages, and exploring these ideas was very interesting. The visit was a great learning experience for all of us involved and we learnt a lot from each other.

We discovered that the adjustable spanner was invented in the Stroud area, so that might be the reason why we call this tool an "Engländer"! My colleagues really liked this idea!

During the week I was also hosted by two very interesting companies - Renishaw and Scorpion Tooling who kindly showed me examples of some of the current inspirational engineering that happens in the Stroud area, including development of tools used for brain surgery.

The week ended with planning how to maintain the links established during the week long visit. Ideas included an inter-college competition, partnering between the colleges and the potential for future exchanges for students and staff for Engineers and the wider college.

I really enjoyed my visit at the SGS College and we all hope this is just the start of a fantastic future partnership.