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# study trip to Dresden and FHD

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The **DAAD project 3hoch3** of the **University of Applied Sciences Dresden (FHD)** takes place in cooperation with the **John Wesley University** as well as the **Jewish University in Budapest**.

During the study trip 2023 the participants had the opportunity to exchange with Prof. Dr. Alexandra Geisler about the general situation in Germany and Hungary as well as the problems of the target groups of social work. Furthermore, there was the possibility to get to know the University of Applied Sciences Dresden (FHD). Particularly noteworthy here would be the nursing cabinet, where teachers regularly create realistic care situations and the future professionals are guided step by step. Furthermore, the Traveling Tools - diversity-sensitive method cases for early childhood education.

The common lunch in the mensa of the FHD, the visit of “Dresden is(s)t bunt” and a trip to the Saxon Switzerland have rounded off the study trip once again.

We also took the opportunity to visit projects on site and to exchange ideas directly with social workers.

On the program were among others :

- "Daria" the specialized counseling center for sex work of the Treberhilfe Dresden e.V.
- the transitional home "Boofe" of the Thomas Wolter GmbH
- the assisted youth living "KM22" of Kühn & Kollegen GmbH
- the Blaufeuer state office - advising professionals in child and youth welfare on prevention and intervention in cases of sexualized violence



# some exemplary impressions

If other students were to ask you after your return what was most impressive for you during the study trip: What would you answer?

"For me, the most impressive thing about the study trip was how much more the German colleagues have in terms of tools compared to what they have here. How much time they spend on prevention, which acts as a brake on the escalation of cases that need further help."

"Personally, I was impressed by the practical room for nursing students to learn on dolls, to learn the techniques and routines. I noticed that in this system there is no rush, no pressure, no discouraged people who don't want to work because of burnout."

"The openness of the host country, the kindness of the professors at the university, the preparation of the staff in the institutions that hosted us all told me that yeah, we want to do the same at home. To be part of such an extensive, well-organised system as a social worker. To be able to talk openly and courageously about the situations and problems that we try to ignore, but which are still present. Such as abuse, poverty, homelessness, the elderly, vulnerability and so on. The acceptance of respect and acceptance of all people, regardless of who they love, who they live with..."

"I liked the organisation for sex workers the most, and here too I was most struck by the fact that the professional does not see his job as sending foreign girls back or "setting them straight". Instead, they respect the decision of those who choose to prostitute themselves and help them to work safely."

"For me, it was particularly valuable to see how well-equipped and child-friendly homes were set up for refugee children, giving them many opportunities to overcome the traumas they had experienced and to integrate into a social and cultural environment that was completely alien to them. I am impressed by the attitude of my colleagues in Dresden and I have great respect for their work, their professionalism and patience."

"For me, the activities of Landesfachstelle Blaufeuer were particularly interesting. I had not heard of an institution or organisation in Hungary that was involved in similar activities in this form, so the visit to the institution gave me the opportunity to encounter an unknown practice and perspective, which I found very useful and interesting."

We have known for a long time in Hungary that "mass shelters" as homeless care institutions have a particularly bad effect on homeless people. They increase tension, aggression and make it difficult to reintegrate into society and the world of work. The fact that in Dresden, or even in Germany as a whole, it is possible to be placed in social housing or in a small hostel with decent conditions is a huge thing. Both in human and professional terms."

"For me, what I liked most about my study trip to Dresden was the atmosphere of the city. In particular, the attitude and the behaviour of the people. Generally speaking, people are calm, patient, tolerant and joyful. Diversity or the rainbow symbol is mainly associated with sexuality and identity. But I think this is only a small part of what is behind the concept. The world is diverse and people are diverse. And that applies to everything and everyone."

"For me, the organisation of the study tour was the most impressive. I have never before been on a study trip so well and thoroughly organised, with both professional and leisure activities. I was particularly impressed with the time management and the distribution of the professional and leisure activities. I believe that we gained valuable professional and personal experience and insights during our study trip."

"The other thing that struck me was the institution working with refugee boys. The perseverance and enthusiasm of the manager, despite the fact that we were also thoroughly informed about the difficulties they face on a daily basis."

"We liked the city very much and were lucky that the Bridge Festival took place at the same time as we were there. The colourful cavalcade, lots of food and kindness made Dresden even more memorable."



