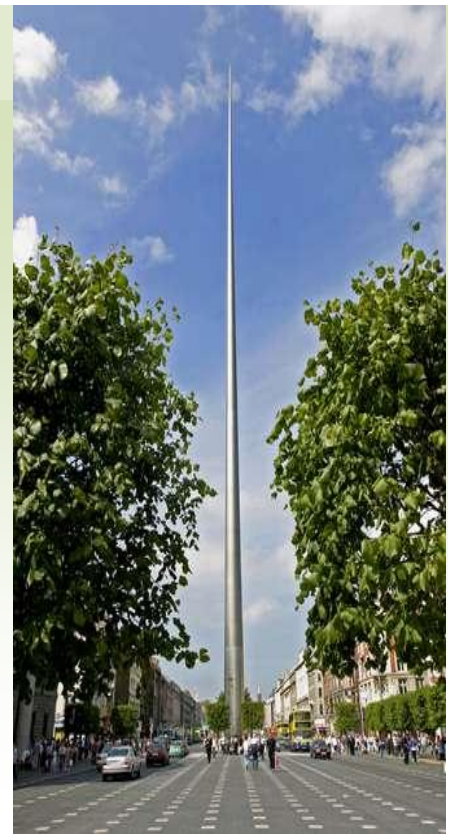


Internship in Dublin



Who I am

My name is Licia Bencherif, I am 17 years old and I study management and administration at Notre Dame of Grandchamp high school, in Versailles, in France. I am a senior and I am going to take the vocational high school diploma in management and administration in June.

I have been following the curriculum of the European section in English for two years ; it has allowed me to do this one-month internship in Dublin, in Ireland.



My host family

During my stay in Dublin, I lived in a host family with a woman and her two children and also with another foreign student who was coming from Korea. The house where I lived was situated in the city of Dundrum, near Dublin.

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My company

I made my internship from January 7th till February 2nd, 2018 in Dublin in Ireland in the company William J Brenna & Co Solicitors which is a law firm composed of 10 employees who are specialized in commercial, real estate and family disputes. They advise and accompany their customers who are private individuals and also companies. I was allocated to the accounting department and premises are situated in the city center of Dublin 2 in the business district.

What I did in the company ?

During my internship I went every day to the post office to bring some mail, buy stamps or to the bank to deposit checks. Moreover I photocopied and scanned documents and finally I also took care of classifying and archiving official documents. I also had the opportunity to observe the software they used for the accounts of the company.



My first day in the company



On Tuesday, January 8th, I went to my place of internship by streetcar. I was welcomed by my tutor, Mr McGroddy, who is a lawyer. He then led me to the accountant, Mr Koon, who was in charge of introducing me with all the team and presenting me the premises. I spent my day with Mr Koon who gave me the task to destroy and archive documents.





What I did outside the company ?

During my free time, I spent time with some of my classmates. I liked very much walking in the city center of Dublin, going shopping. First and foremost, I visited the tower of the Spire which allowed me to find my bearings, then I went to see historic statues of Dublin. During a weekend, I went to the zoo in the morning and the second weekend I went to visit the Wax museum. Every evening after work we liked joining my friends in the city center to have a hot chocolate. And at the end of the stay, we had dinner with our teachers in a typically Irish pub where we were lucky enough to see some Irish dances. The atmosphere was pleasant.





What it has brought me personally and on a professional level

This internship in Ireland has been a beautiful experience particularly on a personal level, I found the Irish very welcoming and nice. This experience has allowed me to improve my understanding in English because I spoke a lot with my host family consequently I was obliged to practise my English. This work experience in Dublin has been every enriching because today I can't feel the language barrier as much as before to communicate in English. I am more daring.

Finally, I have gained more autonomy and maturity.

