

International University Week in Bremen 2018:

This year's University Week in Bremen was held under the topic „social work and human rights“.

We had a lot of different workshops to choose from, both more theory based workshops like “refugees and human rights” and more interactive like the workshop “introduction in sign-language”. Thanks to the good preparation and signs in the building it was quite easy to find the different workshops.

Coming to Bremen, we were openly welcomed by the students of the Social work department, who helped a lot in hosting and organizing the IUW.

Besides the different workshops every day, there were a lot of occasions to get to know Bremen, other students from different destinations that also host IUWs and to discuss the topics from our workshops a little more.



For example, on Monday evening there was a fabulous welcome party at the university, where we were provided with delicious vegan and non-vegan home cooked meals by the students, and had time to get to know each other a little better.



On Tuesday, we went out to the city and had a little scavenger hunt around the city of Bremen to get to know famous and unknown but beautiful parts of the city center.

Wednesday provided us with another choice of workshops and a field visit in the afternoon.

Here we could learn about different fields of social work in the region and ask questions regarding the facility's way of working.

On Thursday, we had our last workshop and got our certificates for participating in the International University Week. But also a special city tour awaited us. We got a little paper bag in which we found a description to our destination, somewhere in Bremen. This city tour was very much different from the one on Monday, because we got to know different parts from Bremen that are often forgotten or left out in traditional city guides.

In the evening, the organization team of the IUW hosted a Farwell party for us on a boat which has a dancefloor and enough room for chit chats and philosophical discussions.



All in all the IUW in Bremen was a really pleasant experience for us, because we had the opportunity to get in contact with new people from other countries, to attend interesting conversations and discussions in the field of social work and spend some time at the university and city of Bremen. What we would hope for in future IUWs is that the University Week becomes more international, so that there are more non-European Universities taking part in the program and the IUW becomes less Eurocentric and more international indeed.

