

A VISIT WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS

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The title of our common project is called: "More than neighbours". Our direct neighbours are the countries Poland and the Czech Republic. For many years our university has a close connection with the University of Liberec (CZ). It suggests itself to check possibilities of working close together within the project.

So the coordinators of our both groups arranged an appointment to meet each other to discuss topics of common interest. The meeting was determined at 24th and 25th November 2011 in Liberec.

When we arrived in Liberec, we noticed that our Czech partners had prepared the meeting very well.

After we had eaten lunch we went to the university and started our meeting in seminar room.

Because of the members of our project groups met each other the first time personally, the participants had some problems to speak together in English. But Jitka, the head of the Czech group, prepared some little "get-to-know-each-other-games", where we could talk with our Czech friends – the ice was broken.



*During the meeting
(Photo by Ingeborg Morgner)*

Our project "More than neighbours" includes the common consideration with topics of industrial culture. So we decided to make studies to the topic "Changes in the textile industry from the past to now" by both groups as a first task.

The groups also agreed to meet each other in Chemnitz in spring 2012.

The first day ended with a sightseeing walk through Liberec and a common dinner.

Two women of the group of Liberec accompanied us at the next morning to visit a former textile plant, which was rebuilt to a leisure- and amusement park.

The park includes a science centre, where children and adults have the possibility to make interactive experiments to different topics of science and technique. We were also very impressed and had a lot of fun.



*Leisure and amusement park "Babylon"
(Photo by Ingeborg Morgner)*



*Our group with two Czech friends
(Foto by Norbert Komorek)*

After our tour through the "IQ-Park", we said goodbye to our Czech friends.

The first personal contacts were tied and e-mail addresses were exchanged.

We are all agreed that we will work close together in the next years.