



## Dear reader,

Welcome to the MOB G.A.E newsletter!

This is the second newsletter following up our latest activities. You can follow the developments of the project by visiting the MOB G.A.E project on: our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

If you want to read the stories of former participants who have undertaken a mobility project please check our latest [stories](#).

If you want to know more, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or telephone.

We are happy to keep you informed about MOB G.A.E.'s activities.

We would appreciate your feedback and wish you an informative read!

Your MOB G.A.E. Team

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## Interview with former mobility programme participants

We interviewed 20 people from different backgrounds to learn about the impact of their past mobility project. Some of them came to UK from abroad and others went abroad from the UK. The participating countries were Italy, Portugal, France, Spain, Belgium, Lithuania, Germany, Poland and Slovakia. We talked both to people who did a work placement and to those who had participated in a study experience. The purpose was to explore how studying or working abroad changes one's life and how could we improve these EU funded programmes.

Quotes from the participants:

"It made me definitely more confident, more outgoing, I still have friends even though we don't live in the same city anymore. It has been 10 years now we have been in touch and it had a huge impact on my personal life."

"It gave me a great deal of experiences in terms when adjusting to new circumstances it also gave me valuable experience and knowledge of other cultures of how to behave around other people."

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**Focus Group in Belfast, 12th November 2014**

**Focus Group in Bath, 12th November 2014**

The participants of the focus group were Jenny Groves from Depaul Ireland; Mary Hegarty, EVS Volunteer Coordinator from Bryson; Gordon Kinloch, the Head of ICT, National Museums Northern Ireland; Paul McMullan, the Director of International House; Terry Waugh, the Deputy Managing Director of Action Renewables; Hannah Schmuck, a former mobility programme participant, who is now employed in Belfast and some of the staff and interns of Intern Europe.

The informal, good-humoured discussion was about the benefits and the possible problems of the existing mobility projects. One conclusion of the meeting was the lack of advertising of mobility opportunities within the country.

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### Intern Europe

The international organisation based in Belfast that brings hundreds of European work placement participants to Northern Ireland is currently celebrating its first birthday. Intern Europe opened its doors in late 2013 and since then provides short term (3-14 weeks) work placements in some of the biggest and best companies in the Greater Belfast area. Dealing primarily with inbound projects, the team has extensive experience in managing a range of LLP projects (PLM, IVT and VETPRO) as well as managing outbound PLM projects and successful participation in a range of research (Transfer of Innovation) projects. They continue to work in this field under the new Erasmus + programme.

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### Prague meeting

The next meeting will be held in Prague. We are looking forward to meeting the partners again in January in Prague!



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