

The Erasmus project report on visit to University of Glasgow

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In the context of staff mobility exchange enrolled in the programme entitled (Strengthening Urban Engagement of Universities in Asia and Africa (SEUSS), I was one of the beneficiary staff from University of Duhok, after interview with the organizer/coordinator of the project (Professor Kamal Katuly) and approval from the University I was selected to be one of the participants in this programme, to visit the University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK.

I arrived in Glasgow on October 30 , 2019, after spending couple of days in city , visiting the main milestones inside the Glasgow city like (City center, Kelvingrove Park, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, People's Palace, Botanic Gardens ... etc.), I met Professor Dr.Kamal on September,1st at the Glasgow University campus in a very heavy rain day , after we met Caroline Japp and Sally Baxter to sign and arranging some Documents , in accompanied by Prof. Kamal we took a long journey around the University, because he graduated from Glasgow University so he is familiar with city places, he showed me the main places and buildings inside the University campus and how I could get there in my staying at the University, in the evening he invited me to his home for dinner, and it was a delicious food. At the second day I visited Dr.Lazaros Karaliotas who is a member staff at the faculty of Geography and earth science, we discussed many issues the most important are:

1- How to cooperate between our Geography Department in Duhok University and the faculty of Geography and Earth Science at Glasgow University, especially how we can send your PHD Students to pursue their study in Glasgow.

2-How we can jointly conduct a research between members of our department and faculty of Geography and Earth Science at the Glasgow; finally, we agreed to do a joint research about (The effect of migration and IDP on urban expansion in Duhok governorate).

3- The last issue was how the staff of department of Geography and Earth Science in Glasgow participates in our next conference on Geography, which proposed to be held next year, either as researchers, keynote speaker, or as members in scientific committee of conference.

After that I tried to meet the staff of PASCAL network, especially those involved in (learning city project), after exchanging many messages with (Mark Rob and Catherine Lido), I was lucky to meet Dr.Catherine in her office at the St Andrews building, School of Education, we discussed how we could reactivate the membership of Duhok University at the learning city programme, after a long discussion we concluded that the membership is already activated just we wanted to uploading our activities on the programme site, during our discussion, it appeared to me that there was another learning city programme adopted by UNESCO program, I told her we are interested in participating in this programme , but the main connection must be with the Mayor of Duhok city.

At the end of my visiting on 11th October I tried to visit the central library at the University campus, because I had no documents confirming that I am a visiting staff, I showed the queries officer my invitation letter, finally he allowed me to inter the library, the arrangement system was amazing and I liked it, I took a video to show it to my colleagues in department of Geography.

In fact it was an amazing experience, I found and learned many new things, I made a connection with many people, staff, and professors, It was a good opportunity to upward my level of knowledge.



