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“We are different, but we are together”

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“We are different, but we are together!” - These words have become the motto of The International Line 2010. 18 students from 12 countries have lived, studied, relaxed, laughed, cooked, ate, cleaned...together. We

have missed our families; we have been sad and sometimes mad at each other; we have been tired and sick. But we survived!!! In addition, we also learned a lot!!!

I lived three months in a fairy tale. Everything was interesting to me. People had different cultures, but respected each other. We had lessons every day, and I became a student again as 15 years ago. And to get to class, I rode a bike again for the first time in 20 years. We enjoyed the wonderful nature in Denmark. We took walks in forest and by the sea. I liked the sea, and I actually swam in October. It was great!

I liked the learning process at The International Line: Lessons, visits to different organizations, sharing experiences. It was all very interesting. The topics of the lessons were relevant. I am able to use the knowledge in my work and in my life. I am confident that I can contribute to the development of my organization with my new knowledge and experience.

It is very good to be part of a group with students from different countries. We now know more about each other's countries and organizations, and the work each of us is doing for the benefit of vulnerable people. All

of our organizations work with children, women and families, and as a result of the course, we came up with the idea to create an information network between our organizations. I think it is important to share experiences. And if we find that our network is working well, we want to expand it, so we together can influence to the change of the situation at the global level. This is still just a plan, but I hope it will be implemented.

I would like to thank everyone, who made this course available to us! It was a great opportunity for us to understand that "we are different, but we are together!" I hope we will prove that *together* we can make our world better.



The international students 2010 are entertaining with singing in 12 different languages at their farewell party in December.