





LEARNING DIARY

DATE: 13.5.2024

On Monday we visited the LAUREA building and divided into groups. First there was a speech by the Finnish team. Then they presented us with the location and the target group and explained what we're going to be doing. My group got the lake and our target group were disabled people. The theme of the day was accessibility and safety. In the morning our group of students from Slovenia had the book presentation, we presented the book The Design of Everyday Things by D. A. Norman. For lunch there were boiled potatoes and salad with no dressing, which was not good. After lunch there was another book presentation by the Spanish team. In the afternoon we went by train to Helsinki where we joined the Jane's walk around the city.



MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Jane's walk in Helsinki where we saw the Stora Enso Oyi building by Alvar Aalto.

DATE: 14.5.2024

On Tuesday was mapping day. In the morning Aleš explained to the group what was our task for the day. Then we went to our locations. We went to Kuusijärvi lake, which is in the north-east part of Vantaa. We had to take two buses to get there. From the bus stop we walked to the lake itself and then went on a short walk around the lake. The lake itself is relatively small, but it is surrounded by forest areas where visitors can walk, run and cycle. Visitors that come to the lake can enjoy the restaurant that is located in the main building as well as saunas, smoke saunas, barbecue spots and of course the beach. We took a lot of pictures while we were there and filled out the forms and maps that were provided by Aleš. When we finished the walk around the lake we had lunch at the restaurant which had pretty bland mashed potatoes and plain salad with no dressing so not good. By the end of the day I was pretty tired and my feet had blisters so I rested for a bit.



MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Visiting the Kuusijärvi lake.

DATE: 15.5.2024

On Wednesday we were back at LAUREA where the theme of the day was society. The first thing in the morning was a lecture by the German team, followed by the book presentation by their students. Then Alenka and Aleš introduced us to modelling. They provided us with top view photos of the location. With the help of Aleš we proceeded to glue the photograph to a hard surface. After lunch we continued with our model by cutting out blue Styrofoam cubes for existing buildings and crunching white tissue paper for trees – we decided to make the model as it would be in the winter. Then we had role play, where we each got assigned a role of somebody that is part of the project, such as investor, mayor, member of the local community etc. That helped us brainstorm some ideas what we would do with the location. We wrote all of the ideas on post-it notes and stuck them on the model to help us visualise. In the evening we finally got some good food when we went to a Mexican place for burgers.



MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Beginnings of our model.

DATE: 16.5.2024

On Thursday we were also at LAUREA where the theme of the day was scenarios. The first thing we did was take all the ideas we brainstormed the day before and with the help of Alenka and Aleš discussed what would be best to do in the 5, 10, and 15-20-year plan. Then we continued with our model by cutting out additional cubes and shapes out of paper which would represent our ideas. We divided tasks that still had to be done among ourselves – someone did the poster, someone did the presentation, someone finished the model ... In the evening all the students and teachers had dinner at the hotel.



MEMORY OF THE DAY:

The finished model.

DATE: 17.5.2024

On Friday we had a little bit later start because we were so good the day before that we already finished everything we had to do. So, we came to LAUREA at 11.00. First, we started preparing everything for the exhibition and the ceremony. We had to move some tables around and arrange the flowers on the tables in the front. After lunch each group had a presentation where we presented our work of the week, our ideas, model, poster ... When all the presentations were finished there was a short ceremony where we all got certificates.

In the evening we had a small celebration for our friend who had his birthday the next day so we stayed up until midnight to congratulate him.



MEMORY OF THE DAY:

The code for the hotel door from the terrace.