

My New Year started here – in Slovenia. I returned from holidays at home two days before and together with some other EVS volunteers we went to Ljubljana and counted these ‘3, 2, 1...Happy New Year!!’ together with lots of other people in main square ☺.

January actually went quite fast and calm. We had meeting with Barbara where we talked about plans for next year. We decided to write Youth initiative and youth exchange project, but youth exchange cancelled. Also January and February were busy with Childrens parliament – lot’s of things for that.

In January and February we made several workshops about some certain topic, f.ex., on 16th of January there was a workshop ‘Skrivnost simbolov’ because of that was the day of religions, and on 6th of February we made workshop for day of culture called ‘verzi v besedi in sliki’. Then in January I also participated in musical workshop in Hiša mladih together with Nike – we made musical instruments and then later played them (we were improvising, f.ex., trying to make everything to sound like burja). Also European village project is still on the line, so in January I had presentation of Latvia in OŠ Danila Lokarja for the last group of children who are going to participate in the project. Now they have made six groups about different topics and I will help them with information etc. All January I was participating also in studying circle of Marta – we were doing lots of different things, f.ex., painting on silk, working with wood and dry flowers, and also I participated in one English studying circle – I made some Latvian food and then talked with participants in English, told a bit about myself, my country and answered their questions. At the end of January I had also several interviews for local and regional news papers.

At the end of January I went to Slovakia together with other EVS volunteer from Germany. We visited Bratislava, Žilina and Košice – there was real winter – with snowstorms and real cold! Was really nice trip and I was happy to meet my friends there.

In January I also finally started with my Slovene lessons – almost every morning now I am practicing and learning Slovene!

In first week of February I went to Debeli Rtič together with Ana and Nike to participate in congress for volunteers – there were lots of people and had opportunity to participate in many different seminars and workshops. I also had opportunity just to walk around the place – go to the sea side and so. I really missed air of the sea; it’s so much different here!

Second week of February went fast because of we were preparing for carnival – main event was on 13th of February in ‘Police’ where we had workshop – we were making Valentines masks. There were so many children in so many different costumes! Was really

nice to see how much they try to dress up nicely! We don't have this kind of carnival celebration in Latvia, so it was something new also for me. ☺ On 12th of February I had my 22nd birthday and was really nice, because of Meta and Urška prepared a party for me in Hiša mladih! Also came some other volunteers and in late evening we went to Vertigo to move our old bones ☺

From 15th till 17th of February I was in Radovljica where we had mid-term evaluation trainings for volunteers. It was really nice because we were two groups together – on-arrival and mid-term group. We had different seminars and evaluations, and also we had time just to be together and even make our own carnival party.

From 18th till 20th of February I had fotokros with Hišamladih. Every day we had different topic and at the end professional photographs gave marks and decided which pictures are the best. I think this was really nice event and now we will do it also in the spring – in April, I guess.

Last week of February was children winter holidays where we had lots of different activities and also lots of children came. We had creative workshop where we worked with leather, cooking workshop (we made Latvian traditional bacon rolls and a cake), musical workshop with Nike (we made musical instruments and the played with them, did some improvisation), searching for hidden treasure (weather was really bad so we did it inside Rizzatova vila), Atlantis and Kolosej (like every holidays we offerend children and youngsters a possibility to go to Ljubljana to water attraction park and cinema) and skiing courses in Črni Vrh nad Cerknim. Winter holidays were really full of activities and we had to work hard to organize everything in a good quality. I think we succeeded. ☺

In February when weather was nice I did some walking – we walked together with other EVS volunteer to Štanjel, to Vipavski križ and Vipava, and also just some walking in Kras and around Ajdovščina.

In March we have also lots of different plans, but for me is one thing I really look forward to – my parent are coming to Italy to ski and I will join them there around Bolzano. ☺ ...and spring is here! Učna pot is really beautiful now – with lots of flowers around and lots of water in Hubelj. ☺