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## Do you enjoy challenges?

If you are independent, self-assured and enjoy new experiences, or you are not like that but you want to change these traits about yourself, joining an Erasmus+ program for a traineeship period abroad could be a golden opportunity to improve your English and have a working experience in a different country.

There is no denying that learning a language in its country is far faster and more effective than studying it in your own country. In addition, living there offers you the possibility of experiencing the country and their traditions as an active member, not as a tourist, mingling with local inhabitants and acquiring a greater and deeper knowledge of the people whose language you are studying.

**If you are really interested read more.....**



The Leonardo da Vinci Programme (from 2014 this is called **Erasmus +**) is a European Commission funded programme focused on the teaching and training needs of those involved in vocational education and training (VET). Among other things, this programme supports mobility projects and can include transnational placements in companies for people in the labour market. Every single year, our

secondary school offers a grant for teachers that can be used for different purposes. This year our main objective has been to foster partnerships with companies related with the automotive and other industrial sectors in order to facilitate students' training periods abroad. That is the reason why we decided to visit the **National Business Training Institute (NBTI)**.

This is a company specialising in assisting students in finding work placements in Ireland. They offer a fully managed service including interviews in the relative country, airport collection, induction programme to orient staff, English





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lessons, all transport and emergency support services. They also have a wide range of different kinds of accommodation and host families spread all around Ireland willing to host our students. You can see some of their facilities in the picture below.



Most students are funded by the European Union through different programs.

### How can you join these programs?

These days there is a feeling that it is worth considering sending some students to have a work experience abroad, so the IES Politecnico is going to request some scholarships to give our students the opportunity to live a real work experience in the near future.

### Who can benefit from them?

Students in their last year of intermediate level of vocational education and training can benefit from these opportunities offered by Erasmus+ KA102 to gain work experience in another country.



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That is the reason why you can go abroad to carry out a vocational training placement and spend time in a workplace to gain real life experience.

As well, nowadays apprenticeships, vocational training and other work-based training have the potential to play a vital role in improving skill levels across our economy, and in boosting people into sustainable careers. Perhaps, we should take more into account the needs of learners, employers, the economy and cost effectiveness in the future to improve our educational system.



In conclusion, there is no doubt that this could be a remarkable experience and have a tremendous impact in your life, and believe me, spending a training period abroad could be a fantastic idea, not only could it help you to express yourself in another language, but also to broaden your horizons and to increase maturity and self-confidence, not to mention the fact that a work experience abroad offers great job opportunities which, as things stand now, is really well worth considering.

