

SL.INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

ENGAGEMENT FOR THE BIGGER CAUSE

„Seeing and working with all these energized and determined volunteers definitely makes me want to give more of my time to civic engagement. Every bit of engagement is an aid for the bigger cause and as much as it sounds like a cliché, it has a lot to offer in return.

It creates an immensely generous community, for example. Being part of the organization team of such an event has shown me, how time-consuming, albeit pleasing engagement can be. Plus, it can also be a lot of fun and connect people all around. For these reasons, I have decided to stay with the organization and keep volunteering.”

GOAL ORIENTATION

„My journey with SL.international has been a beautiful one, but definitely not easy. There are times when I thought of giving up, mainly because it wasn't easy to be 100% committed to the organisation yet at the same time still focus on my studies.

Being a goal-oriented person as one of my values has helped me to push through and still take part in most of the meetings, occasions and functions when best I could.”

PERSONAL GROWTH

"The most remarkable experience I had in this module was to be part of an event organised by a reputable organisation and myself of course being one of the people that were on front line.

I was worried that it wasn't going to be successful, but seeing it being a success was one of the best feelings ever. This experience was very special, because I had never imagined myself planning a big event and it being successful. It made me realise my capabilities and motivated me to keep on developing as a person and acknowledging my strengths and weaknesses.“

THE POWER OF DIVERSITY

„In summary, I learned many things from this course, three of which are the power of diversity, negotiation, and tolerance. Overall, this course was an excellent practice for communicating with people from other cultures and different ideas and views, which was an invaluable experience for me.

I am sure the know-how I gained in this course will help me in the future and improve my performance in both academic and professional life.“

FINDING FRIENDS

„Being an international student, it is difficult to be away from home, sometimes you get lonely and can't share, but I found friends in this organisation and can share my problems.“

FIGHTING TOGETHER FOR THE SAME CAUSE

„Through volunteering with the partner organization, I realize there will always be someone somewhere who is fighting for the same causes as we do, it's just we need to be persistent and patient enough to reach each other. It's always easier to be said than done, but this experience has given me some faith that a radical change, although small, is the change we are all in need.“

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