

Courriel de Colin Gilligan reçu le 24 mai 2022 suite à sa mobilité d'enseignement au Lycée de Gascogne

*« I applied for an Erasmus teaching mobility at Lycée de Gascogne back in late 2019. It was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and I gave it no more thought. I received a message from our International Office in March 2022 to say I could still undertake the mobility if the Lycée agreed to it. I quickly contacted Katia again to see if it was possible and she put the wheels in motion and organised a wonderful exchange for me.*

*I undertook the mobility at the beginning of May. It was the last week of classes for some of the students, but they still made time for me and welcomed me without hesitation. Katia set up a busy week where I was lucky enough to meet so many different groups. On Monday I had classes with 2MHRC and Isabelle BISOFFI where we talked about the different hotel types in Ireland, the prices of accommodation and the expectations of the visitors to Ireland. After that, I had a very interesting class with MC Sommellerie and Didier Jeanjean talking about popular wines and spirits in Ireland. On Tuesday, we had a lively session with 1T3 and Anne Claire DECHAUX. We discussed food and drink trends in Ireland. I also meet this group again when then were organising the Ukrainian fundraiser the following day. On Wednesday I met with MAN and Elodie MINET and we talked about the explosion in local artisan brewers and distilleries making some fantastic craft Irish beers, ciders, vodkas, gins and whiskeys. In the afternoon I worked with Nicolas GUERIN, Cyril RODIER and Eric GALDEANO and their students in the Restaurant d'Initiation. I really enjoyed seeing the students set up the different areas for service that evening. There were so many different elements to the class delivery compared to our service classes in Galway. I loved that we sat down with all the restaurant and kitchen professors for something to eat before the service began. On Thursday, I finished where I started with Issabelle BISOFFI and 2MHRA where we had a good discussion on food and beverage trends in Ireland and France and the importance of work-life balance in hospitality.*

*I experienced outstanding hospitality from Katia and all her lovely colleagues in the school. They all made me feel so welcome and appreciated the classes with their students and the Irish perspective I brought with me. I would also like to mention how enthusiastic and professional the students were. They were also very welcoming and made a genuine effort to engage with me during my time at the school. It was a wonderful week and I was very privileged to be able to undertake it ».*

*Sincerely, Colin GILLIGAN*