

*“The Land of a thousand Welcomes: my
experience in the green land of Ireland”*

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My motivation

- English was one of the biggest reasons as to why I wanted to take part in the Erasmus project. I love the language, and I hoped that by staying a month in Dublin, my English skills, as well as my IT-related ones, would've improved.

Prior to the journey: doubts and fears.

- This was, by any and all accounts, the first time I had travelled by myself. Not only was I going to a place I had never visited, I was going alone with only three other students. I was afraid to be out there (relatively) alone. I also had never worked before, so I was afraid I was going to disappoint my employers.

Opinions regarding my staying: Angela Hawkes.

- Angela was the lady who was kind enough to take me and another student in for the month. She is an incredibly kind and calm woman, who was always supportive and understating whenever we need help.



- Angela Hawkes and me on the day of our departure

Opinions regarding my staying: Ireland and its people (Part 1)

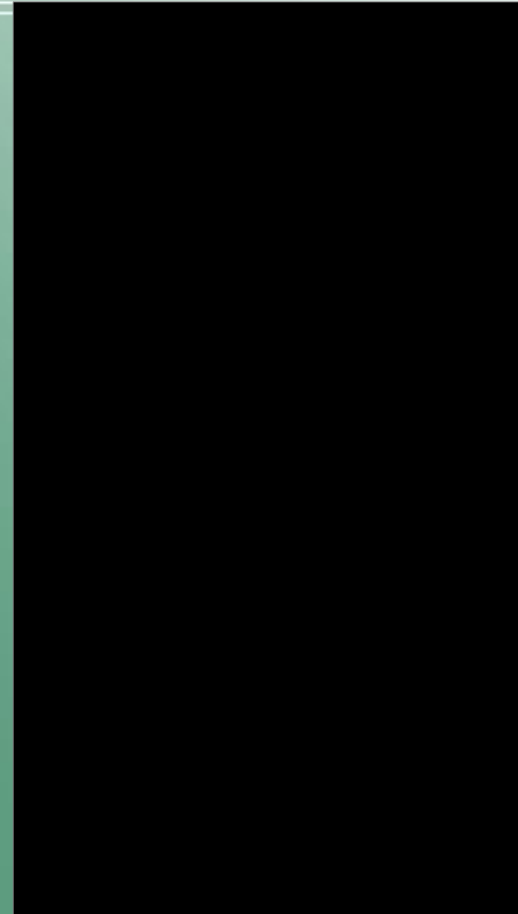
- Angela's kindness seemed to be a common trait between the people of Ireland, as almost all the people I had met on the streets were almost equally as kind and understanding.



- Also had a chance to taste the famous Guinness beer, so that's a plus!

Opinions regarding my staying: Ireland and its people (Part 2)

- They sometimes prove to be a tad bit weird, though. But it's all in good fun, I guess.



Opinions regarding my staying: The street musician experience.

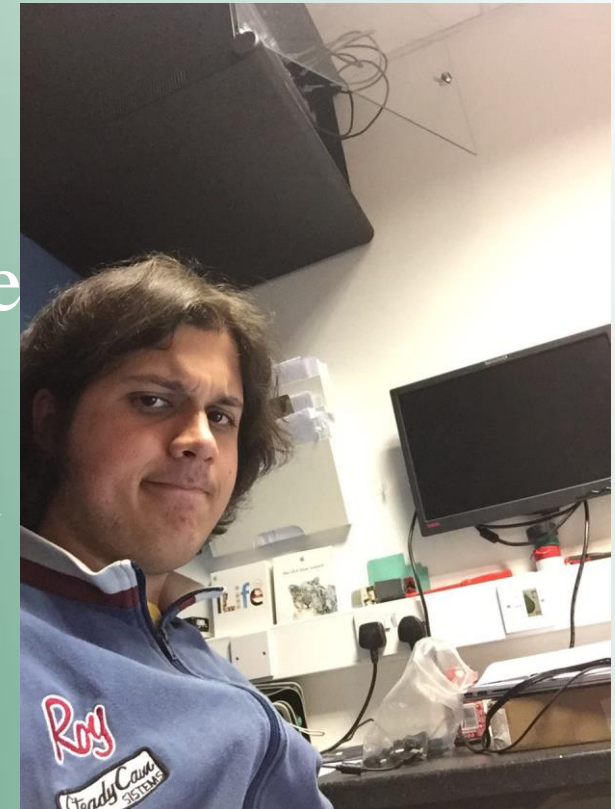
- The streets of Dublin are filled with talented street musicians. I ended up becoming friends with Mabaleka, a Canadian from Vancouver who were staying in Ireland for a while.



Opinions regarding my staying: My workplace

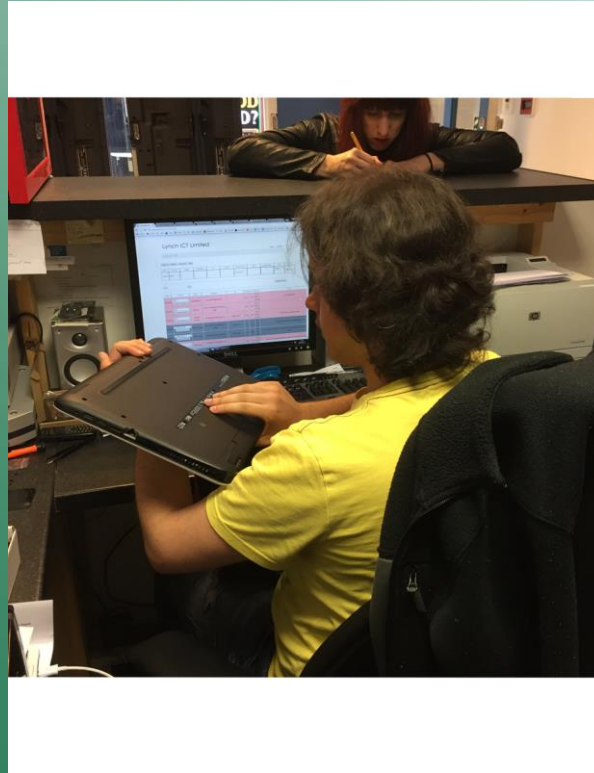


During my stay in Ireland, I worked at Lynch Computer repairs, a small locale owned by one David Lynch (as far as I am aware, there's no relation between him and the acclaimed director).



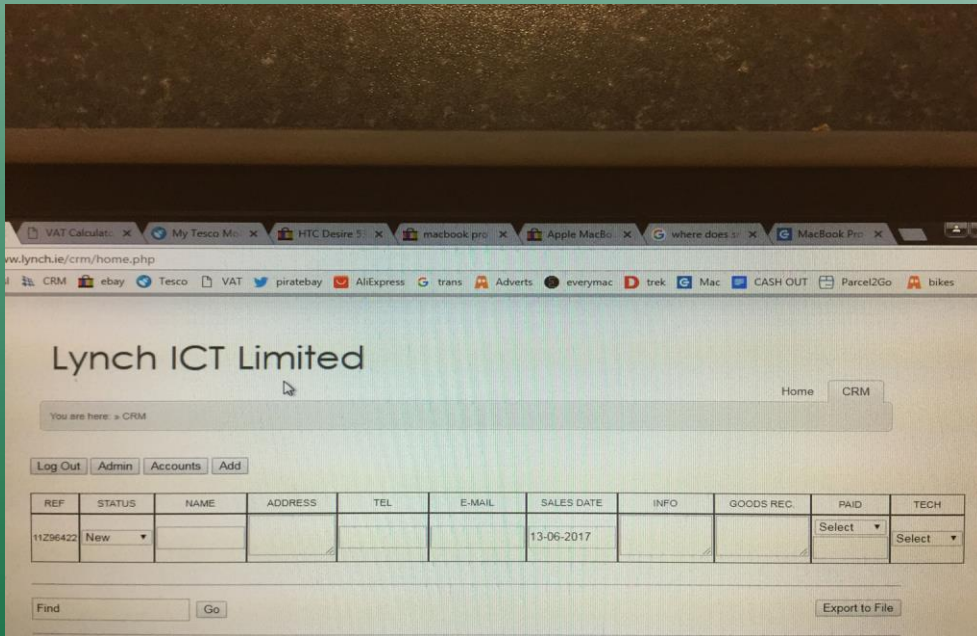
Opinions regarding my staying: My job (Part 1).

At Lynch Computer Repair, I was put in charge of disassembling and replacing computer parts, as well as taking the personal details of costumers for forms and receipts. I used to do this from Mondays to Fridays, from 10:30/11:00 to 17:20.



Here I am looking at a computer's specs while a costumer give us her personal details.

Opinions regarding my staying: My job (Part 2).



- This is the information we ask costumers to give us.

- And here I am disassembling a computer

Opinions regarding my staying: Harry, my tutor



• During my stay, I worked with two people: Tamas, a man who worked with me during the first two weeks, and Haralds Bernarnd, otherwise known as Harry. On the left, he is pictured with me. Harry was a nice and kind guy with me, and also had a nice sense of humor. All and all, he was a nice person to be around and having as a tutor. Thanks to him, I really enjoyed my time there.

Final opinions: did I enjoy my stay?

In resume, I really enjoyed my stay in Dublin, thanks to Angela and her kindness, and Harry, who helped me with every doubt I might've had. My job was interesting, and thought me how to take care of computers. In conclusion, I don't think I'm going to forget my time there anytime soon.