

# ECONOMICS BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



**Name of Project:** Explore, Experience and Learn by Working Abroad

**Name of sending organisation:** Střední průmyslová škola polytechnická, Centrum odborné přípravy Zlín

**Project Number:** 2017-1-CZ01KA102-035104284,166

**No of participants:** 12

**Arrival and departure dates/Project Duration:**  
03.06.2018 – 23.06.2018 (3 weeks)

The project aimed to give vocational business studies students a chance to develop essential skills needed to set up and run their own business. This included product development, business and financial planning, and management of a virtual business. Working in small groups with a business mentor, the students were able to develop skills like problem solving, independence and collaboration in order to help them make the transition between school and the workplace and enhance employment prospects. It provided a contrast to their school environment where teaching is theory-led, whilst also helping students to improve their English language.

## WORKING WITH OUR BUSINESS MENTOR

“My main aim is to get each student thinking like a business person, asking the right questions to find solutions that work from a business perspective and create results. I enjoy using my experience of running businesses and working within corporate environments to pass on ‘real life’ knowledge, helping students to develop the confidence, ‘entrepreneurial mind-set’ and practical management skills they will need for the workplace.”

RUSSELL ALLEN, TELLUS BUSINESS MENTOR



## STUDENT EXPERIENCES



“I really enjoyed setting up our ‘virtual business’ and applying the things we have been learning at school in a different way. It was great working in small groups and learning from each other. Our mentor was really friendly and helpful and made the course fun. My mum runs a clothes shop, so I’m looking forward to using some of my new skills to help her ...and maybe set up my own business.”

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“Working together is a very different to how we learn at school so it was a great new experience, I felt like I learnt a lot and I’ll be able to use my presentation as part of my CV. My English has improved and I’ve really enjoyed living with my host family. I love Plymouth and being by the sea. I’ve had a great time meeting new people, including other Tellus students. I would definitely come back again.”

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