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I studied abroad because...

I had always wanted to live, work, and experience a different culture to the one I grew up in.

Some cool volunteer experiences I had...

I attended the Dublin Tech Summit, Google Women Techmakers, Codess, and many more tech meetup's, events, and info sessions. At Griffith College where we were taking classes I got involved and volunteered at the inaugural Tedx Griffith College event.

My favorite spot in my host city was...

I loved all areas of Dublin, but walking across the River Liffey always provided an amazing view and was an excellent reminder of how special it was to be in Dublin and able to have such an unforgettable experience.

The weirdest food I tried while abroad was...

Escargots, I still can't believe I ate snails!

One cool experience I had abroad was...

Being able to go to Google's European headquarters! As an information systems major I loved attending meet up's, learning about new technology, and exploring Dublin as a global tech hub.

The strangest or most unforgettable thing that happened to me was...

Making a bunch of new friends from around the world was incredible and being able to travel to different parts of Ireland and Europe with them was unforgettable!

Something I took away from my time abroad is...

To live in the moment, things go by so quickly you don't want to miss out! I focused on experiencing all Dublin/Ireland had to offer and tried to make the best out of every situation.

The most surprising thing about studying abroad is...

How much it impacted my views of what I want for my future. It changed many of the factors I consider when deciding the type of job I want and how I want to live my life

Lastly, I would like to tell you...

Take advantage of everything! Let go of what you might be missing back home and fully immerse yourself in your host city and country. Enjoy the culture and be sure to live, you'll truly have an unforgettable experience!