

My Youthpass Experience

I belong to a very conservative Italian family, so I had been dealing with a lot of permission issues, they just wanted me to be a good student. In fact I had never been abroad until I was 24 years old, when I heard about the Erasmus+ projects opportunities and I immediately liked the idea.

Just about 3 years ago I took part in my first trip ever, a project in Turkey: it has been one of the best things in my life! Thanks to this experience I found out I am confident, I can travel alone, speak in public, communicate with people from different countries...I found out I didn't even know myself!

Do you know what I did next? I took part in another 5 different projects and I also moved for studying abroad for a year and a half. My life has completely changed in better.

Getting a Youthpass is another important thing about Erasmus+.

I have always included my Youthpass certificates in my applications and I am sure they have helped me: I have been a lucky girl more than once - just few weeks ago (hooray!) I got a job as baby club coordinator in a holiday resort.

Of course I am not saying you can get a job just because you own a Youthpass, I just think it is kind of a certificate of your personal skills - open-minded, independent, team worker... - which are as important as the professional ones.

Also it helps you during the interview, you can talk more about yourself and about what you have learned, it is a nice way to capture the interlocutor's interest, especially if you have no work experience yet.

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