



2QAB Learner Diary – Ajaccio Corsica Thursday 16- Sunday 19 September 2010

3 staff and 1 learner attended the partnership meeting. We flew from Bristol to Bastia in the north of Corsica where we picked up a hire car to travel to Ajaccio in the south west. It took some while to get used to the narrow single lane road that wound its way across the backbone of the island, up into the mountains and down again amidst beautiful sunshine. The landscape scenery on the way was spectacular but we were definitely relieved to reach our destination after experiencing some questionable driving techniques by local motorists and motorcyclists in their overtaking manoeuvres.

After settling into our accommodation we headed off to the planned restaurant to meet our partners. Familiar and new faces greeted us as we caught up on each others' activities since last we met. We enjoyed Corsican cuisine for the first time and were very impressed.

Friday morning started off a little late as some of us had difficulty in finding the IDF offices which were located in a residential area. Once everyone had arrived we got down to business, with each partner presenting results from our learner questionnaire on reading skills and looking at overall conclusions from the exercise. This was followed by workshops on media competencies led by Yale College, including how narrative is transferred into visual imagery.

Saturday saw a presentation from Mary Lou from IDF on teaching methods followed by a final workshop by Yale College on "virtual worlds". We concluded the day by a review of the project so far and the development and delivery of the work plan at its halfway stage. After lunch, time was set aside for sightseeing.

Early Sunday morning we headed back to Bastia airport by car, driving through the mountain mists then onward to Bristol and home.