

Meeting in Vienna, 24 to 27 February 2011

Learner's diary

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We, Brigitte, Tina and Uta from Sprachendienst Konstanz arrived in Vienna on the 24th of February very soon and so we decided to make a private excursion through the city. First we went to the Stephansdom, the Burgtheater, The Parlament, and other famous points in Vienna on foot. In the museum we visited an exhibition of the painting-group, called „Blaue Reiter“. In the evening we met the whole group, having a dinner typical for Vienna. The next morning we started the project with workshops about „Learning methods“ by Tina. After this, „Songs from Europe“ were presented by all participants of the meeting. It was a very active day and in the evening we met all together again in an other typical viennese restaurant.

The next morning we had a workshop presented by Jayne from Bristol, where we made the experience of being a migrant and alone in a foreign country with a foreign language. In the afternoon we had a very interesting sightseeing tour by bus through Vienna. We saw a lot of the city and we got a summary of the story of Vienna of the last two hundred years. The guide was a very competent person and at the end of the tour she brought us to museums of Vienna. Brigitte and Uta decided to visit the „Belvedere“ and Tina went together with most of the group to the „Haus der Musik“, a new interactive museum. In the evening we had the final dinner all together in one of the oldest restaurants of Vienna, called „Augustinerkeller“, in which musicians play typical songs from Vienna. The next morning before we left Vienna, we visited the legendary „Zentralfriedhof“. It was an impressive walkabout, and when we saw the jewish part of the cemetery, we remembered our last project „Narrated Biography“ and our walk through the jewish cemetery in Lodz and the explanation of Maria Goldstein about the symbols on the gravestones, which tell us about who is resting in the grave. In a sense this is a topic too for our project „Folk without book“ and a sort of closing the circle for us three women.