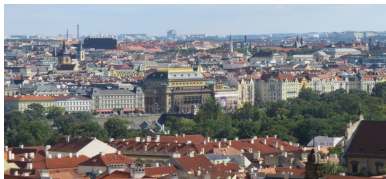


Exchange to Halle Saale, Germany and Pecs, Hungary – 25 September.

Fourteen ambassadors left NZ on 2 September: first stop Berlin. We had three nights discovering this great city before going by train to Halle where we were met by our hosts. One evening we met with members of FF Berlin for dinner.



Halle is a beautiful city, largely untouched by the effects of the war and with a huge history. However, FF is "faces not places" and we got to know our hosts and other Halle club members as the week progressed. They are wonderful people and we really enjoyed our time with them



We moved on after a week stopping in Prague and Vienna on our way to Pecs. The two cities were vastly different and appealed to different tastes. We met a small group of FF Vienna members for dinner on one of the evenings.



Pecs was another great exchange. This was slightly different in that most members are working and our days needed to be well organised, which they were. So we went to many different places and joined in with events that were happening in the community.

It was interesting to be in East Europe and to learn of the experiences of people before and after the fall of the Berlin wall and the Iron Curtain.

At Budapest the group split and went their various ways, all reporting varied and interesting travels on their return. This was a great exchange and will be remembered for the very special people we spent time with.