

Go. Learn. Share. – EuroApprentice Michael Formosa shares his Erasmus+ mobility experience

What I have enjoyed:

Working at Oakman Inns was an amazing experience - I never knew how much the company could teach and motivate me towards further improving myself.

The company offered us a number of workshops including on wine and cocktail tasting which was very fruitful as it gave me a better understanding on the various drinks. In fact, it made me realise how much I enjoy bar work. Honestly, I wasn't expecting this but I found myself wishing we had longer sessions of work.

The Aekman team were very supportive and kind to show me how to work the thins, how to make numerus cocktails and giving me tips and tricks on bartending. All the managers worked very professionally and knew how to handle any situation. When making mistakes, they understood me and taught me not to feel guilty, as this is the way one can learn more on the job and in life.

I really enjoyed the social interaction that I had with customers and staff members. Furthermore, this was another opportunity for me to learn more about the British culture. The site visits were very educational as they provided us with an overview of how things are done from a supplier's point of view. I especially enjoyed the sites with the queen's crest.

It was great to finally work in a professional bar and getting to learn how to use various bar equipment and bartending tools. It was fun learning British terminology for drinks and learning more about gins, ales, wines, cocktails and spirits.

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This mobility experience made me realise that I don't feel comfortable working in a kitchen, and that I love more the art of bartending. Working in such a professional environment was great and I'm sure this opportunity will help me with my studies and future career.

I would love to thank everyone at Oakman Inns for making this experience possible for my friends and I. We are very grateful for the work and the support given by the company. In the near future, I would like to work for this company again.

