



NEWS #6



Fill your life with adventures, not things. Have stories to tell, not stuff to show.

Wow, what a camp!

What a **powerful and unforgettable week** it was for the participants, group leaders, project team, volunteers and Rotary Shadowers. A week that will be remembered by many for a long time. We started on 20th of August with the introduction and team-building activities. After 2 days the group was already formed, and we were able to enter the next part of the camp at full speed. With our Head of Training, **Valery Senichev**, we have worked on the talents, skills and future design exercises. Our participants also enjoyed various different warm up activities and walks in nature with the aim of sparking their curiosity. For the last three days of the camp, we have moved to Prague where participants were welcomed by the CEO of Volvo Czech and Slovak, **Alican Emiroglu**, who showed participants the biggest Volvo dealership in Central Europe. For the last activity our participants moved to the city center of Prague in order to visit the Senate of the Czech Republic. Participants were astonished by the architecture of the Palace of the Valdštejn, where the Senate is located. On Saturday, we had the opportunity to introduce to participants to the concept of the Speechless Reconciliation Job Fair, where they had the opportunity to learn more about the startups, companies and NGOs sectors. One of the highlights of the Job Fair was an interview with the director of the **Foundation of Tereza Maxová**, Terezie Sverdlinová. In the morning we had 3 different workshops held by our partners **Wenable**, **Late Night Diplomacy** and **Nikola Isaković** with his innovative concept of the Item Theater. Everything culminated in the afternoon full of different sport activities and certificate handover. The impact of the week was tremendous, and the project team has collected so many learnings and feedback that will help us to get even better next year! Already after the camp we have engaged in the 2nd phase of the project by offering different opportunities but also further developing online platform with our partner from Spain, Wenable Solutions. More detailed info about how it went, impressions of the camp and much more will follow in the report that you will be able to find soon on our website.

Take care & best regards,
 Your Speechless Reconciliation team

Meet our team

Gerry Tipple

Who is Gerry Tipple?

Tell us something about yourself.

A man who's career has zigged and zagged on many interesting paths, from fish docks to army to cycle repair, accounting, sales and marketing. I try to keep a sense of humour and proportion and mostly manage. I still find a laugh to be the best medicine and the best solution to challenging situations. **Life principles: Be observant, be curious and be caring.**

How long have you been part of the Speechless Reconciliation project team?

Since a month or two after it was floated in the Rotary International Prague club.

What first inspired you to get involved?

It was conceived as a 'peace and reconciliation' project for a region that badly needs both and as we as a club haven't had such a project, I was keen to support it. I liked the sheer ambition of it too.

What is your role in the project?

Chief Rotary representative who tries to bring the experience of many projects to the team as well as look to the financial health and sustainability of the project. Sometimes, I'm just a troublemaker that asks awkward questions.



What is your best memory of this project so far?

The time at the camps is so filled with emotional high points that it's hard to pick out one. I love the little messages that we get in our 'secret friend' envelopes. If a young person says to you that their life has been changed for the better by your shared experience, then it gives you a satisfaction that money can't buy.

Do you have any advice for people interested in volunteering or otherwise contributing to the Speechless Reconciliation project?

If you have even half a chance, **go for it, fight for it.** The satisfaction from being part of this experience is something very rarely available. ❤️



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Endorsement by the President of the Senate of the Czech Republic

The Speechless Reconciliation developmental summer camp 2022 have received an **official auspices** from his Excellency President of the Senate of the Czech Republic, Mr. Miloš Vystrčil.

This also gave our participants the opportunity to visit the premises and the Palace of the Senate of the Czech Republic.

We are honored and highly appreciate support from one of the highest representatives of the Czech Republic. This recognition shows how valuable and crucial the project is!

What opportunities have we delivered so far?

Are you wondering what is happening now when our 2nd Speechless Reconciliation developmental summer camp is over? We are not wasting our time and as we have mentioned already a few times before, the opportunity offering is already taking place. Our latest strategic partner Wenable Solutions from Spain has offered an internship to one of our participants from Macedonia. From now on he will be part of the Wenable Solutions team working on the Speechless Reconciliation project.



Aleksander Vuchovski (North-Macedonia), one of our participants from this year's edition working with Andrea Obach on the content creation for the Speechless Reconciliation project.

Welcome, Lithuania

We are very happy to welcome **SOS Children's Villages Lithuania** as a part of the Speechless Reconciliation family. We have decided for the year 2022 to make our project even more diverse and therefore we wanted to invite a team that would fulfill our hopes. The team of Lithuania proved to be the right choice when they were very active during the whole week and they took the best out of the opportunity. We are looking forward to working with our partner from Lithuania even further. Thank you for believing in us and our mission!

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