



'Looking forward to going abroad'

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My name is Zoya and I'm a student of German and Nua Ghaeilge. I'll be going to Bremen on Erasmus this year. Currently I'm equally excited and nervous about going on Erasmus. There's still so much to do that I haven't even started – booking flights and packing, filling out the learning agreement, sending forms to the Student Office in Bremen (I've learnt that Germany loves *Papierkram* and I've actually made more trips to the Post Office this year than in any other year of my life.) While it seems like a huge effort now, I know it'll all be worth it in the end. *B'fhiú an tairbhe an trioblóid* as the *seanfhocal* goes! I keep reminding myself that I've still got time, as the “Winter Semester” as it's called in Germany doesn't begin until October in most German universities (late October in my case). I can't wait for lectures to be on campus again so I can get to know students from all over the world. I really love how international universities are – no two people in my *Wohngemeinschaft* are from the same country. I'm looking forward to being totally immersed in the German language as well – learning a language in a classroom and living through the language are two totally different things and I'm curious to see what living my life in German will feel like. I know I'll be sad to leave Ireland but I expect I'll be even sadder leaving Germany in a year's time!

Bis nächstes Mal 😊