

My Alpbach Experience

When I was first offered the opportunity to apply for Alpbach, I had no idea what it was and what it implied. The only thing that I saw was the chance to express my thoughts on the ever-present and prevailing topic of inequality which had been consuming my thoughts for months and months with a growing fury. This was a unique opportunity to say how I felt to people who appreciated my thoughts and could act upon it, the chance to make a statement. I didn't know what would happen after that, but I'm so glad that it did, because once I took that leap of fate and set off for this remote village in the middle of nowhere, a whole new world had been presented to me. A world where when I talked, people listened, where we as young adults were given the right to speak up our minds and to be taken for granted. A world where friendships could be made anytime and anywhere, and where people had a future and an opinion about life.

Now, one may ask themselves, what is so special about Alpbach? After all, people talk and discuss everywhere, you don't need to go to some remote place to do that. On the contrary, isolation and peacefulness is the key, there is nothing to do but talk about your hearts desires, and your words could make an impact on somebody. There is something so special about this place, something magical, something untouchable. And amongst all of that madness, was a group of very creative and talented young people. Now, in my humble opinion, they were the best part of Alpbach and what made the experience memorable. Every meeting, every brunch, every seminar they went to together, and every party and every reception they stayed together. Not every often can one see in life that people get together so easily and so quickly, but the crew from Sonnentor apartments 3 % 4 was in my heart and everybody who met them.

When I look at the administrative and organizational side of the trip, I have nothing but praise. Thanks to our lovely and very well informed team, we managed to be present everywhere and enjoy everything. The seminars were highly interesting and the debates thrilling, giving me a lot to think about. So many leaders of today and leaders of the future, successful people and people in the making, aspirations, dreams and ambitions in one place.

For me, it was extremely important that I was given a chance to be a part of this, meet all of them, participate in the activities. What better way to prepare for life than to experience life firsthand? For these, and so many other reasons, I want to say how thankful I am to have been given a chance to be a part of this unique, memorable experience. Alpbach, I will never forget you.

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