



## NEWSLETTER – JUNE 4, 2007

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### Interview with Amy from the Cultural Group

(by Abbie Banczyk-Sturkeuon, UK)



*Amy (left) and Abbie from the UK team in a working session.*

*Abbie: "Do you enjoy working in your group?"*

Amy: "Yes, I enjoy working in my group because you get to learn about other people and other countries and their culture. It's fun planning what the teams are going to do."

*Abbie: "How do you feel the cultural group adds to the J8 experience?"*

Amy: "I think that the activities that we prepare help all the teams get together and get to know each other better. It helps people to know more about the

different teams."

*Abbie: "What have you planned so far?"*

Amy: "We have planned for each group to give a presentation about their country. So we can learn about differences and similarities between the different countries."

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### Impressions of the German team

(by Olga Peshekhonova, Russia)

It was getting late. We were coming back from the sailing trip; looking at the shining waves and feeling like the Pirates of the Caribbean and Titanic passengers at the same time.

The impressions of the first day were all mixed up in my head. But I knew one thing for sure. I like the German food and the German team!

The host team is responsible not only for themselves but also for other participants - for



*The German Junior 8 team 2007*

welcoming them and making them feel comfortable. I think Jonas, Lisa, Thomas, Steffen, Eva, Hyeon Su, Franzi and Miriam are doing a really great job. They are all very friendly, helpful and easy to talk with.

They like different kinds of music. For example, Thomas is in a rap band. Probably everybody remembers his amazing song that the German guys sang at the official opening ceremony. It seems unbelievable but it took him only one hour to write it! All the German participants go to the same boarding school, so they had known each other before the J8 competition started. Now they are a real team and as in every team there are inside jokes and funny nicknames. They like making fun of each other but they take it easy and laugh all the time.

Their expectations of the J8 are to express their opinions about these extremely important topics that we are here for. As for the G8 leaders meeting, they want to give their place to one of the non-G8 countries participants. The Germans think that it is very important for children from non-G8 countries to go to the meeting and share their views. Although the hosts are not sure that they will be allowed to do that, they still hope to make it possible. I wish the German team good luck and really hope that they will make the most of this summit. I am also looking forward to meeting participants from other countries and making friends with people from all over the world. We are going to make the world a better place... TOGETHER!



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