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OUT OF THE DARK: ASTRONOMY AS UNIFYING THREAD FOR CULTURES.



Guided walk of Eskilstuna

We learn about the old industry city

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Introduction

As part of our *Out of the dark* project we have included cultural activities such as guided tours in our cities to present part of our history and daily life to the teams of the partner schools.

We went for a guided walk through the city of Eskilstuna during the first Learning, teaching and training activity celebrated there in May 2018. All the guides were students from the local high school.

In a very warm and shiny weather the students were divided into two groups. Each group went for a walk, and at every stop there was a student from the local high school telling something interesting about the municipally.

Forskyrka – The church was built on initiative of the monk S:t Eskil about the year 1000 BC. The monk S:t Eskil was the first monk in the area and the one who came with the new religion. Eskilstuna is also named after him meaning “Eskil on the field”.

Old city of Eskilstuna – The oldest parts of the city remains from the 18:th century. The city was famous for its many good blacksmiths, and many of the kings gunsmiths worked here. In the old city we also past the oldest country theatre, still in use.



Results

Eskilstuna showed itself from its best side, sun shining and the small river flowing peacefully. All students learn a bit more about the city of Eskilstuna.



Conclusions

Using local youth as guides is good since the students who guide practices many skills, such as speaking in a loud voice in front of a group, using English for example.

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