

Virtually Abroad **Organising a successful exchange despite the pandemic**

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Abstract

During the Covid-19 pandemic, international exchange programmes in many parts of the world came to a halt. However, thanks to virtual exchange programmes, young people were still able to get together. In this article, the authors explain how they designed their exchange Virtually Abroad, what challenges and issues they encountered, what methods they used, and how the experiences they made can be applied in the long term. The article covers the individual milestones of the project, details the activities offered during the programme, and describes the impact, cost and effort involved. It concludes with some remarks on the future of virtual exchanges after the pandemic.