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Online Spring School - Students' Training Week on Service Learning Student Engagement

From May 14 to 29, the University of Porto organized the Engage Students Online Spring School, where students and teachers from the six partner Universities, had the opportunity to teach and learn about Service Learning and share their experiences on SL and community engagement.

The programme involved three plenary sessions: Andrea Hoyer-Neuhold presented examples of Service Learning Programs, Sofia Marques da Silva explored the importance of field notes and a round table discussed how SL can promote university's social responsibility with Gabriel Dima, Jovita Vasauskaite, Maria Slowey, and Márcia Coelho.

Additionally, in smaller groups students discussed the risks of othering, learned how to conduct interviews and how to write reports, while designing SL projects.

During the Active break, everyone was invited to join the University of Porto's CDUP team on a nice stretch after long hours in front of computers.

To summarize their learning, students presented posters on Service Learning Projects that would help their universities put their social responsibility into practice. It was a huge success with many different and creative projects from animal control to including elders in the digital world. Very well done!

The final ceremony involved a joint interactive quiz with pictures of relevant landscapes, monuments, food and music from the partner countries. We are sure that SL and community engagement gained more supporters with this event!

This Online Spring School was a pleasant journey and it was only possible with the help of everyone who participated and made the most out of it. Thanks to the wonderful engagement of our partners in the teaching teams and to the students!

