

Going abroad

Or, how I got to spend two months as a visiting scholar in Birmingham



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Should I stay or should I go?

- Where should I go? England?
- Who do I want to connect with?
- What do I want to learn? Theoretical input? Methodological? Empirical? Language?
- For how long?
- When?



First opportunity....

- Visiting scholar from the Centre for Parenting Culture Studies (CPCS), University of Kent (September 2015)
- Informal request – we had a chat
- Formal request - by email to the Head of the CPCS
- My aim? Theoretical insights, improve my academic English
- Q from CPCS: what's in it for us? Teaching? Publication?
- Applied for funding: Meltzer (1. December 2015)
-did not work out (April 2016).



Birmingham

- Professor Julie Taylor,
University of Birmingham
(Network of my
department colleagues)

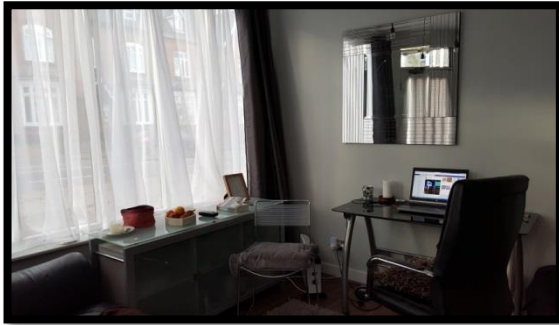


- Sent her an informal email (April 2016)
- Positive response!
- Formal application to the University
 - Outline of project
 - Time frame: 10.10 – 16.12
 - What's in it for the University? Publication
 - Letter of support (HEMIL Department Head)



Where to live?

Airbnb

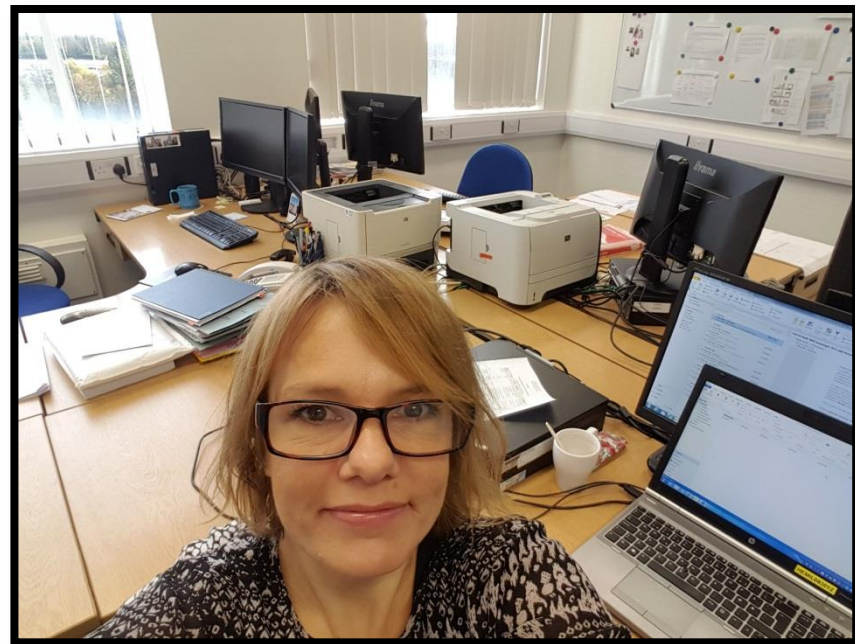


Things to do in Birmingham?






Sport clubs, cinemas, restaurants in the neighborhood, attractions



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Benefits

- Academic English improved 
- Networking 
- General knowledge about English university system 
- Time to work on own project 
- Learn new things about myself 



Advice?

- Decide to go abroad – early on
- Reflect on what you want to achieve, where you want to go, for how long
- Approach academics you find interesting
- Apply for funding - at least a year in advance. In my case:
 - Meltzer foundation: 36000,-
 - Annum: approx 15000,-





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