

TNPU English Forum Analysis
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On Monday, February 27, 2012, Peace Corps Volunteer Sharece Michelle Bunn hosted an English Forum at TNPU. The Forum was held in room 70 on the third floor of the main building.

The forum lasted for five hours.

There were six foreign guests at the TNPU English Forum. All six guests are Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) in Ternopil's Oblast. The guests included:

- Natalie Yon-Eriksson from Ternopil
- Houston Wedding from Ternopil
- Laura Evans from Ternopil
- Brendan Keegan from Terebovlya
- Morgan Roth from Kremenets
- Elyse Galegher from Chortkiv.

There were three sessions of the English Forum.

1st Session: 9:35-10:55

- Groups 12.1, 14.1, 22.2, 23.1, and 24.1 were invited to the first session.

2nd Session: 11:10-12:30

- Groups 32.1, 33.2, and 34.1 were invited to the second session.

3rd Session: 12:45-2:05

- Groups 42.1, 42.3, 44.1, and 43.2 were invited to the third session.

Each session was eighty minutes long.

As students entered the forum, they were assigned to random groups. The random aspect of the groups was to encourage students to break out of their regular boundaries and work with other students they might not talk to on a regular basis.

PCVs were responsible for monitoring the different groups during the forum. Each PCV took a different discussion topic to the five groups and asked questions and led the discussion with the students.

The five topics were:

- Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover
- Give a man a fish and you'll feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you'll feed him for his whole life.
- Gender Roles
- Generalizations (and stereotypes) and
- Education in Ukraine.

The first session was held during the second line. There were 65 students and five teachers who attended the session. Of the 65 students, 6 were male and 59 were female. Of the five teachers, four were female and one was a male.

First Session Topics were taught as follows:

- Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover – Natalie Yon-Eriksson
- Give a Man a Fish... - Houston Wedding
- Gender Roles – Morgan Roth and Brendan Keegan
- Generalizations – Elyse Galegher
- Education in Ukraine – Laura Evans

Assessments for the topic areas during the first session were as follows:

- Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover
 - It was great. – 52
 - It was ok. – 9
 - It was blah. – 1
- Give a Man a Fish...
 - It was great. – 34
 - It was ok. – 23
 - It was blah. – 0
- Gender Roles
 - It was great. – 34
 - It was ok. – 23
 - It was blah. – 0
- Generalizations
 - It was great. – 38
 - It was ok. – 23
 - It was blah. – 1
- Education in Ukraine
 - It was great. – 31
 - It was ok. – 25
 - It was blah. – 4
- According to the assessments, 22 students were from the first course and 37 were from the second course.

The second session was held during the third line. There were 32 third course students and one teacher who attended the session. Of the 32 students, 1 was a male and 31 were female. The one teacher present was female.

Second Session Topics were taught as follows:

- Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover – Laura Evans
- Give a Man a Fish... - Morgan Roth
- Gender Roles – Elyse Galegher and Houston Wedding
- Generalizations – Natalie Yon-Eriksson
- Education in Ukraine – Brendan Keegan

Assessments for the topic areas during the second session were as follows:

- Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover
 - It was great. – 11
 - It was ok. – 21
 - It was blah. – 1
- Give a Man a Fish...

- It was great. – 10
 - It was ok. – 20
 - It was blah. – 3
- Gender Roles
 - It was great. – 33
 - It was ok. – 0
 - It was blah. – 0
- Generalizations
 - It was great. – 25
 - It was ok. – 8
 - It was blah. – 0
- Education in Ukraine
 - It was great. – 29
 - It was ok. – 4
 - It was blah. – 0
- According to the assessments, 28 students were from the third course and 1 was a teacher.

The third session was held during the fourth line. There were 45 students and one guest teacher who attended the session. Of the 45 students, 2 were males and 43 were female. The one guest teacher present was female.

Third Session Topics were taught as follows:

- Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover – Brendan Keegan and Morgan Roth
- Give a Man a Fish... - Elyse Galegher
- Gender Roles – Natalie Yon-Eriksson
- Generalizations – Laura Evans
- Education in Ukraine – Houston Wedding

Assessments for the topic areas for the third session were as follows:

- Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover
 - It was great. – 30
 - It was ok. – 13
 - It was blah. – 0
- Give a Man a Fish...
 - It was great. – 28
 - It was ok. – 16
 - It was blah. – 0
- Gender Roles
 - It was great. – 33
 - It was ok. – 10
 - It was blah. – 0
- Generalizations
 - It was great. – 14
 - It was ok. – 24
 - It was blah. – 4
- Education in Ukraine
 - It was great. – 33
 - It was ok. – 5

- It was blah. – 0
- According to the assessments, 7 students were from the third course, 30 students were from the fourth course and 1 student was from the fifth course.

General comments from the students were very positive and the six PCVs who attended talked about planning similar forums at their sites.