Why going abroad for a year ?

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Why leaving ? And for such a long time ? And that far ? These questions has been asked to an exchange student at least once. I asked it to myself once. A year, it means a lot. So many things to learn, to discover, so many people to meet, to love, so much memories to create… I came to the conclusion that a year in France, in my highschool, with my friends and family maybe wouldn’t be as interesting as a year somewhere else, full of discovery, joy, tears, apprehension and happiness. It’s a personal challenge. And every year, thousands of teenagers try it.



**That’s true, we could say that we’re a bit crazy, leaving everything to create ourselves a brand new life abroad, that we will have to leave after only a year. But let’s think about it.**

**We all live on a same planet. It’s like… as if we were living in the same house, together. But we don’t see it like that. No. We put ourselves in continents, countries, and so on. In fact, we may be scared, because our house is too big, and that’s pretty true, the Earth is huge. So we prefer to say that our house is just decade of square meters.**

**What I want to say is that the exchange students, we are looking for something like « being home somewhere else ». We want to feel at home In Australia as in Peru, in Indonesia as in Finland. We want to meet our brothers, our sisters, we want to discover, understand, respect and appreciate. Going abroad for a year is a choice that comes from deep inside our heart. It’s a challenge, yes, but also something natural. Leaving, it’s spreading a peace message. It’s showing to those who want to separate populations that we’re not scared and that we’re united.**

**Leaving is also growing up.**

**I’d say that leaving became a necessity for me because I started thinking about us all and I think that I need to learn about the world I’m living in, not only my decade quare meters house.**