

# Celebrating Erasmus

The UK Erasmus Awards 2005 were held on 24 November at the London College of Fashion. The UK Socrates-Erasmus Council hosted an Erasmus essay and, for the first time, a photographic competition on the theme of "My Erasmus Experience – A celebration of Europe".

**Photographic Prize winners:**

**Philip Graham – First Prize winner**

Philip is studying architecture at the University of Sheffield. He spent seven months on an Erasmus placement at Ion Mincu, University of Architecture and

Urbanism, Romania - where he enjoyed paragliding over the Transylvanian mountains when he wasn't studying together in Bucharest.


He described his portfolio of images as "representative of a country of character and optimism".

Philip Graham's picture captions:

- 1 Summer festival in front of the former palace
- 2 Posters cover the old buildings of communism
- 3 Ceausescu's Palace still glowering over the city



**Erasmus opportunities**  
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**Peter Seenan – Second Prize winner**

Peter is studying politics at the University of Edinburgh. He spent ten months on his Erasmus exchange at the University of Helsinki, where he discovered "countless opportunities in a vibrant, independent and proud nation at the northern tip of Europe".

Peter Seenan's picture captions:

- 1 Braving freezing temperatures to reach lectures
- 2 Graduation celebrations Finnish-style
- 3 A quiet corner at Helsinki University
- 4 Colourful shopping choices
- 5 A vibrant cultural tradition
- 6 Wood for the sauna - by the light of the midnight sun



**Anna Krzywoszynska – Third Prize winner**

Anna is studying anthropology at University College London. She spent her Erasmus placement at Università di Bologna, Italy, where "nothing could have prepared me for all the wonderful and unexpected blessings the year had to offer".

- Anna Krzywoszynska picture captions
- 1 Observing the national psyche
  - 2 The old gods look down
  - 3 Beauty in every place and each step

