



GSE Team Returns

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This exchange has been such an amazing experience that it is difficult for us to highlight only a few of the things we learnt about:

- * Spanish life,
- * how our vocations function here,
- * the community benefit provided by Rotary in Spain, and
- * what the Spanish families have shared with us.

The Spanish culture seems so balanced. They work hard, but also prioritise family and fun. Each one of us has developed a love for extended meals sampling wonderful Spanish food and enjoying the company of friends. Spain has shown us how to take time for the things that are important. Our vocational visits have been exceptional.

Rotary facilitated access to very influential people working in our fields. Some of our learning's include:

- * an appreciation of the advanced technology used in Spanish businesses,
- * the difference between our countries due to economic cycles and trading partners, and
- * similarities between Spain and Australia in terms of the challenges we face in protecting the environment and managing drought.

Most importantly, from the many Rotarians who welcomed us, hosted us during cultural and vocational visits, and shared their homes with us, we learnt about their sense of giving. So thank you to all.



Particularly:

- * Vicente (DG District 2203) and Franz (Spanish GSE coordinator), who did so much organising and supported us throughout the trip
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- * DG Colin Muir and Dennis Shore, for making this trip possible and selecting such a great location
- * Our family, friends & colleagues back home that supported all of us

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