

Europa-Tage in Detmold

Oraiokastro (Griechenland)

I am Nicolas Saramourtsis, 25 years old, University Student on Economics, Vice Mayor for Digital Policy and Youth, Appointed by the Mayor about twin cities works.

I come from Neohorouda but live in Oraiokastro along with 32.000 citizens of our Municipality



How does Corona affect you and your country?

Greece started to take forced measures from the very begging of the pandemic situation. Some people have died by the disease, and many more were infected, but because of the quarantine many people are safe.

What are current restrictions in your area and what does your daily routine look like at the moment?

For the past one and a half month all Greeks were on quarantine in their houses. They could only visit Super Markets, Doctors, Pharmacies and some banks. Everything else was closed including schools. But these forced measures are starting to fade, as stores are now beginning to open again.

In your opinion, do the restrictions help to bring people closer together or rather divide them?

Young people who have the chance to use technology for their communication with others, did not have a great problem by restrictive measures. Older people who live alone, might have a bigger problem, because they are not capable of using devices for their communication.

What do you miss the most and the least in your current situation?

I do miss hanging out with friends in cafes and restaurants.

What have you learned from the crisis so far?

Technology makes our life easier, and by the pressure of the quarantine things happened quicker than we have expected. People started to get more caring about people around them..

Which message would you like to send to your twin cities?

Stay healthy, and we will catch up soon. With this experience we will become better for our cities and citizens.