

Journey to Glasgow



Newcastle Station



Work at Glasgow Station



Glasgow City Centre



Carlisle Station

City to cross off 'must visit' list

As a foreign student, Glasgow is the city I always wanted to visit. I took the train from Newcastle to Carlisle first, then transit to Glasgow. It would have been a different experience had the weather been better, but it was still nice to look at the beautiful scenery on the way and take away the tiredness of the long travel :).

I started by taking the Northern Train to Carlisle, a relatively new railway company which is mainly responsible for the North of England and is based in York. I thought the train was quite cute, with only two carriages, giving it a very small feel, and although this was not the first time I had travelled on it, I was still very excited! When I arrived at Carlisle, I was greeted by a few old steam train photos of Carlisle railway station. The steam trains are not as fast as today's trains, but I wanted to experience the old-time transport and the slow life that I had been missing.

I waited for about 15 minutes and transferred to West Coast, a much bigger train, which was basically full, and I wanted to wait for the staff to check my ticket and take a nap, but no one came...? After a long journey, I finally arrived in Glasgow ☺.

Unlike Newcastle and Carlisle, Glasgow has a mix of ancient and modern buildings; the buildings themselves are antique, but the stores within them are modern brands, and it's a refreshing sense of time warp for me, a city girl from Hong Kong >v<.

Of course, there's no such thing as a free meal, and the main reason for coming to Glasgow isn't tourism, it's work...free train tickets aren't given out for free! But it is an excellent balance of work and leisure ;). My work is still focused on social media for sure. While my lovely supervisor Fiona is handing out Backtrack sheets about an



Anti-Trespassing Competition for children, my job is basically to take pictures for social media use, easy peasy *v*. Although there weren't many children there, everything went well, and the children were happy to be a part of it :).

The long journey to Glasgow was certainly tiring, but after all, it was the first time I had ever been there and I still had a great time. I'm looking forward to coming back soon! >V<

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