

Klub Dialogu Newsletter

- *Polish? We make it possible!* -

Illuminated Warsaw - A Short History of Neon

Neon lights are still a stunning and unmistakable trademark of the capital of Poland. In general the discovery of the noble gases is remarkable and made neon lighting possible. They're used very often as a form of advertisement due to their eye-catching phosphorescence easily taking centre stage, even within a bustling city like Warsaw.

These shiny noble gas signs have been illuminating our city for as long as we can remember, since the first years of independence and throughout devastation and darkness of war and communism until now, and it's still special to see them animating our skyline. The first neon sign in Warsaw was lit in 1926 on the Marconi Villa on the intersection between Marszałkowska and Al. Jerozolimskie (very close to our school!)

The end of the 50s was declared the time of "neonisation". It's known that almost the entirety of Warsaw was destroyed, but it was soon to become one of the European capitals of neon.

The city's neons saw their fair share of destruction during Warsaw uprising, many being destroyed or torn down never to return. Some, however, you can still see today. An example is the "Siatkarka" (Volleyball player) who stands erect in all her glory at Plac Konstytucji, throwing her ball down the side of the building. She witnessed the golden age of Marszałkowska street's "neonisation" and herself received a second wave of life.

In Warsaw it's possible to see an array of old neon light advertisements that were scattered around the city in the past - it is Muzeum Neonów located in the Praga district. It is beautiful, special and interesting - absolutely worth visiting!



At Klub Dialogu, we prioritise and take pride in making you feel at home with our service, not only in the classroom, but within the whole school!



Professionalism:
Highly qualified teachers and a team of Board Directors ensure the highest standard of teaching.



"Very good language school to learn Polish, with a perfect location in the center of Warsaw! The teachers are very good and very accommodating with the slots."

- Mathieu, France





- Interview with summer student - Ilhame from Morocco!

Ilhame, what was your reason to learn Polish?

I moved permanently to Poland a couple of months ago. I think it's crucial part of my integration, as a foreigner, to understand what's around me and to communicate with the locals in their language.

How have you found your Polish language experience so far?

To be honest, Polish has been very challenging. It's one of the most difficult languages in the world. Therefore, taking proper Polish classes was an obvious choice. The intensive classes enabled me to deal with every day situations, very quickly. This has improved my quality of life here.

What advice would you give to someone starting to learn Polish from the beginning?

To practice speaking Polish in their every day lives, Polish people appreciate it a lot. Speaking perfectly and accurately doesn't matter at the beginning. It's okay to make mistakes.

What have been your favourite things to do in Warsaw in summer?

I've been enjoying walking in the parks, the museums, going to the cinema (movies are in English subbed in Polish). But mainly sunbathing because I know the sun won't last long.

- SUMMER LOVING WITH OUR TALENTED STUDENTS -

We are not the only initiators of our events; we're glad our students also take pride and part in organising outstanding activities for our school! We'd like to again thank our talented dancers, Deize and William for hosting an event to remember as part of our Summer Calendar.

What's more...

Jonny, our past student and blogger from Northern Ireland, who runs the *Northern Irishman in Poland* blog, will, at the end of September, come and tell us all about his fascinating travels to some very unusual places around the world. Don't miss it!! You will find all information soon on our Facebook page. See you there :-)

