

Irishmen in Skedsmo

Three youths are going around the world in 1000 days

At a company at Skedsmokorset a strange language is heard lately. In one of the workshops english is heard – with an irish "brogue".

- Yes, thats right our source said and hollered "Noel, Norman, Roland" and three laughing youngsters came out. One of them looked like an actor from the Viking film, with a large red beard.

Are you Brits we asked, - Yes, well no, we're form Ireland. Two from Northern ireland and one from Eire. We will hitchhike the world around. We've come here, where we're having a good time.

It's no joke, the three youngsters left home with 20 pounds and they intend to use three years to come around the world..

- And what does "the world" mean? Are you visiting the communist states also?

- No, it will probably be too difficult to get work permits.

From here they will go to Sweden, then south to Germany, Austria, Italy and the other countries in Western Europe. And then it will be Africa, New Zealand, Australia and the whole Americas, including Canada. There we probably will get work, and the money we'll earn will og to travel further.

The so far travelled distance looks like this: A short stop in England, from there to Paris where everything was expencive and no work. Back to the Channel islands to earn some money. They picked potatoes and worked in the harbour. Back to London, up to Harwich and across to Esbjerg with the ferry. Hitchhiking via Copenhagen Sweden to Skedsmo. From here the tour goes to Sweden and then south. They live in youth hostels and manage as best they can.

- What did you do before you became globetrotters?
Noel was an insurance inspector, Roland worked in a bank and Norman sold leather. We ask if manual work is tiresome for people who are used to work with pen and ink, but they ensure us it's not. The only hard work was the potatopicking, but they keep smiling. Not for a second have they regretted that they left the green island.