

Karl Zeiner, (half Brit, half Austrian) chose the motto “The grass is always greener on the other side” for his talk. The talk was a show that helped to

For those who did not know Blood Prince, he started

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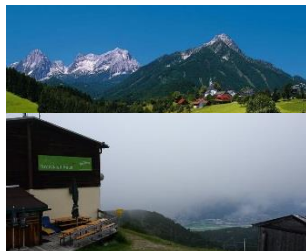
Although he was quite confident as to his Britishness when he went to work in London, he did make some negative experience; in fact the one that all tourists make: London is a great place to visit but not really a pleasant one to live in. The Tyrolean country boy missed something. Cambridge was better, but Edinburgh was and is definitely best. It has allowed him to integrate his beloved sport into his life. What is more important: Setting up your own business is so much easier in the UK.



Austrian) from Innsbruck. Grass is always Greener on cross border comparisons. accompanied by a slide underline his views.

already know Hazel’s Half out with a short CV: Born

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But there are other differences. However, Karl made it quite clear that most so-called differences are clichés and showed some great slides proving that snow does exist in Scotland (and England) and that the Austrian summers are by no means eternal sunshine.



Karl also highlighted the disadvantages of the great British passion of queuing: What happens at the bus stop where buses stop for different destinations?



It was good to hear that British food and drink can be excellent and yet

- Austrians go out and tend to spend an evening together at a specific restaurant. Besides, we are waited on all evening
- Britons book a table for two hours (or even less) and then may start pub-crawling. But everywhere they will have to go to the bar for their drinks.

And then there are the many different clubs you (have to) join.

The sportsman also pointed out the difference in mountaineering: Austrian mountains have paths (normally well marked with all sorts of indications) Britons have to find their way through “nature”. Perhaps this is the reason why explorers and adventurers are more frequent among the Brits.

Last but not least came the “divided nation” problem: A Brit is either English, Scottish, Welsh or Irish, so is football.



Well, Karl could have gone on for hours had Hazel not interrupted her son reminding him of the time. Questions time allowed for a few more facts: What does Karl take with him from Austria (Fleischkäse, Landjäger), what does he bring with him from Britain (Typhoo Tea) ? ... All in all, a very pleasant evening.