

Migration in Europe – Let's share our differences and move on !



WELCOME CENTRE

“Casa di Nazareth”

VIAGRANDE (CT)

Italy



On the occasion of the second international meeting held in Riposto, a visit to the welcome center **“Casa Di Nazareth”** was organized in order to make students and teachers experiment how life for young immigrants is in Sicily and create an intercultural atmosphere in the hope that the intercultural competence becomes a pillar in the life of everybody.



Casa Nazareth represents the place where everybody can find a refuge and feel at HOME. The four key words that are at the base of the foundation of this house are: Fraternity, Welcome, Work and Training. In this place cultural, ethnic and religious diversity becomes the substance of life.

The plan of our visit was:

- Presentation of what the house is and how it works by the people who are in charge of it
- Meeting young immigrant people
- Workshops where students can share ideas and asks questions to immigrants
- Time to write down the answers and then share feelings



INTERVIEW n.1

1. **What's your name?**

Lamin Fatty

2. **Where are you from?**

I am from Brufut, in Gambia.

3. **How long have you been in Italy?**

4 years

4. **Why did you prefer Italy, not another destination?**

I chose Italy because I thought I could have a better future

5. **What are you doing in Italy?**

I work, I do the translator for the other guys

6. **Do you feel integrated in Sicily?**

Yes, I do.

7. **Do you have a chance to learn the Italian language in a proper way?**

Yes. When I first came in Italy, I didn't know Italian language. I enrolled to a school in 7th grade and after in High school.

8. **Do you have other relatives in Italy or here in Viagrande?**

I don't have relatives, but I consider Prof. Adamo and Linda like my parents.

9. **Why is the attitude of the Italians towards you?**

When somebody meets me, they act weird. But when they get know me they treat me like a normal people.

10. **Would you like to stay in Sicily?**

Yes, I would love it. My family is here and I think it is a great place where live.

11. **Would you give any advice and recommendation to the people in your situation?**

Be patient, you have to learn a lot about the country, more you know it's better for your future.

INTERVIEW n.2

1- What's your name?

Lamin Fatty.

2- Where are you from?

I'm from Brufut, in Gambia.

3- How long have you been in Italy?

Four years.

4- Why did you prefer Italy and not another destination?

I chose Italy because I thought I could have a better future.

5- What are you doing in Italy?

I work and I do the translator for the other guys.

6- Do you feel integrated in Italy?

Yes, I do.

7- Do you have a chance to learn the Italian language in a proper way?

Yes, I do. When I came here in Italy, I didn't know Italian language. I registered at school to enter in 7th grade. After I went to High School.

8- Do you have relatives in Italy or here in Viagrande?

No, I don't have relatives here, but I consider Prof. Adamo and Linda as my parents.

9- What is the attitude of the Italians towards you?

When somebody meets me, they act weird, but after they know me, they treat me like a normal person.

10- Would you give any advice and recommendation to the people in your situation?

Be patient. You have to learn a lot about the country. And more you know about it, better is for your future.

INTERVIEW n.3

1. What's your name?

My name is Abdel.

2. Where are you from?

I'm from Egypt.

3. How long have you been in Italy?

I've been in Italy for 3 years.

4. Why did you prefer Italy, not another destination?

Because in Italy I can study and do what I love, dance.

5. What are you doing in Italy?

I study in a high school and I dance.

6. Do you feel integrated in Sicily?

Yes, I like how Sicilian people act.

7. Do you have a chance to learn the Italian language in a proper way?

Yes, my family helps me a lot.

8. Do you have other relatives in Italy or here in Viagrande?

Yes, I've got a brother bigger than me who lives in Milan.

9. What is the attitude of the Italians towards you?

They have a good relationship with me.

10. Would you like to stay in Sicily?

Yes, I like it so much.

11. Would you give any advice and recommendations to the people in your situation?

The only advice I can tell to the people in my situation is to be patient for the linguistic, social and cultural integration.

Conclusion

At the end of the day we made a poster where or the feelings of immigrants and students were shown in a written form. The following are some examples:

I am very happy to know you

ABDEL

شكرًا لكم

I am from Egypt

It was interesting. People were very gentle and nice. It was cool because we could have known ^{the} world where people escape from their countries to stay safe and find kind people like Nazareth Association who help them.

It was very incredible and exciting.

- Solime et Letitia

Yesterday was interesting. You get another perspective on migration when you talk with people who has experienced it themselves. The people were lovely.

Migration in Ear

I feel like welcoming immigrant more... Like more open arms for the immigrants!

- Hedda

I think it was nice hearing about their journey for a better future, and believe it is fantastic what Sicily do to make the immigrants feel at home!

- Ceino and Giulio

- Norway

Migrati