



Interview with Miriam Suarez

1- What's your name?

Miriam Suarez

2- Which country do you come from?

Venezuela

3- How long have you been living here in Portugal?

One year and an half.

4- Are you here alone, I mean without your family?

I am here with my family.

5- What is your status?

Married

6- Have you any children?

I have a daughter.

7- Why did you decide to immigrate?

Due to the economical, political and social situation in my country.

8- What did you know about Portugal before coming here?

A lot. My husband is Portuguese.

9- What were your expectations before coming to Portugal?

I had no expectations. I came to spend only two months and then I decided to stay.

10- What difficulties did you have to face at the beginning?

The language, of course. I also had to start from the beginning. It was hard to get a job.

11- How did you overcome those difficulties?

With the support of my daughter. She is also married to a Portuguese.

12- What do you miss most?

The rest of my family and the climate from Venezuela.

13- Do you have friends in Portugal?

Only a few.

14- Was there any organization/association /group that helped you to integrate?

No.

15- Have you ever felt discriminated?

No, never.

16- How do you celebrate here, in Portugal, special days related to your culture/country?

The same way as you Portuguese do.

17- Which differences/similarities do you see between Portuguese and Venezuelan people?

Venezuelans are more cheerful and open unlike the Portuguese people.

18- How do you spend your free time? What do you like doing?

I usually spend my free time on social networks.

19- Do you have in mind to return one day to your country?

No.