**An interview with our school‘s Spanish teacher Ali Alatorre**

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*When did you come to live to Lithuania?*

I came here in 2010 and yet I still feel so young.

*What citizenship do you currently hold?*

I am still Mexican.

*What made you want to move here?*

That‘s a difficult question to answer, but I think it was all in fate‘s hands. When I was in Germany, I met some Lithuanians who encouraged me to visit their country. After coming here three times I decided to stay here permanently.

*How tough was learning the language?*

Learning Lithuanian was difficult. Although I started learning from books, later I moved on to a different learning platform - the outside. That included buses, trolleybuses and local markets. Now I try to teach my class in Lithuanian.

*Was it hard to adapt to a new country?*

Not really. Although the cultures differ, adjusting wasn‘t an issue.

*Did you have any difficulties taking care of immigration papers?*

Immigration wasn‘t difficult, but I wish it was easier to deal with various documents now.

*Since when do you work as a Spanish teacher?*

Practically from the moment I started living in Lithuania.

*And how is your life in Lithuania now?*

It‘s definitely better than in Mexico and I‘m not planning on coming back. I have a family here with two kids who can speak both Spanish and Lithuanian. Life is all right.