

## **Surveys**

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**SURVEYS:**

Name: Yoania La Guardia Flores

Age: 18

Sex: F

Nationality: Cuban

Profession: Student

1) How long have you been living in Catalonia?

4 years

2) Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Family reunification, my mom was living here.

3) Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4) Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Like I said my parents were living here in Catalonia

5) What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Study

6) Have those expectations been changed?

No

7) What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The culture, they are a little bit weird

8) Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

Yes, I'm learning but for me it is not difficult.

9) How is your social life nowadays?

Very good

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

A bit of everything

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

The language

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

It is better no to have an opinion

13. Are you interested?

No

14. How can it affect you?

I don't know

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Name: Maria Gonzalez

Age: 47

Sex: F

Nationality: Cuban

Profession: Primary teacher

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

5 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Economics reasons

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

No

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

I don't know

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Work everything I could

6. Have those expectations been changed?  
Yes, a lot
  7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?  
The language
  8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?  
Yes, but it is a little hard for me
  9. How is your social life nowadays?  
Regular
  10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?  
Immigrants
  11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?  
A lot of things would have been changed by us
  12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?  
Nothing
  13. Are you interested?  
No
  14. How can it affect you?  
I don't Know
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Name: Juan José Gonzales

Age: 65

Sex: M

Nationality: Cuban

Profession: Mechanic Engineer

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?  
17 years
2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

## Economic Problems

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Regular

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

I don't Know

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Find a job

6. Have those expectations been changed?

Yes

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The language

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

Yes

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Regular

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

Of all kinds

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

A lot of things

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

Not opinion

13. Are you interested?

No

14. How can it affect you?

I don't know.

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Name: Sandra Flores Galvez

Age: 44

Sex: F

Nationality: Cuban

Profession: Housekeeper

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

5 years and a half

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

I thought that I will help my family economically.

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Not entirely

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

I don't know

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Integrate into society

6. Have those expectations been changed?

Yes

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Leave my kids behind and my family

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

I'm learning

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Normal

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

Immigrant people

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Nothing

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

I'm not interested in their political matters

13. Are you interested?

No

14. How can it affect you?

Not opinion.

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Name: Elizabeth P.

Age: 33

Sex: F

Nationality: Dominican

Profession: Geriatric nurse

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

10 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

There was no work, and I was looking for something new

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes, totally

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Tranquility and because of the job

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Work and study and have a better life.

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The weather, because in my country doesn't exist winter

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

Yes, I am on it although it is a little bit hard

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Good, very good

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

Spanish and immigrant people

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

The nervousness that always have and force migrants from outside and within Spain to speak catalan

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

Uf, nothing interesting

13. Are you interested?

No

14. How can it affect you?

Nothing at all

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Name: Deisy Maria Diaz Medina

Age: 54

Sex: F

Nationality: Dominican

Profession: Kitchen helper

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

14 Years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Looking for a better job

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Because I like Catalonia

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Only to work

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Nothing, because I adapted easily

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

Yes, I am learning and no it is not hard

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Very good

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

I have friendships of all kind

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Nothing

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

Not opinion

13. Are you interested?

Yes

14. How can it affect you?

Like everyone else

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Name: Comfort Gonz Nuhu

Age: 35

Sex: F

Nationality: Nigerian

Profession: Communication

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?  
4 years
2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?  
Social issue and work
3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?  
No
4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?  
Social, Economic Improvement
5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?  
Well received
6. Have those expectations been changed?  
Yes
7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?  
The Language
8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?  
Yes
9. How is your social life nowadays?  
My social life has changed a lot
10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?  
Only immigrant people
11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?  
Economic, social, politics
12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?  
Self Freedom

13. Are you interested?

No

14. How can it affect you?

Socially

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Name: Elisa Cánovas

Age: 42

Sex: F

Nationality: Argentinean

Profession: Nurse

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

8 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Improve my quality of living economically, and for safety.

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Because I had friends and family living here in Catalonia

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

To have a job, and educate my children in peace and freedom

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The language was a hurdle at first

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

Yes, I did two grades basics and elementary. It is not hard

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Good

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

I spend equal time with the Spanish and immigrant people

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

I do not like the bitterness they have relative to Franco and Spain, although I understand the reasons

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

It is a complicated situation, although many parts of the world, I think there are economic reasons behind this

13. Are you interested?

Not very much

14. How can it affect you?

Doing so will destroy if is not carried out wisely, because if there was an economic blockade would affect the inhabitants in general, for example.

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Name: Jorge Bartolomé Cánovas

Age:21

Sex:M

Nationality: Argentinean

Profession: Student

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

I have been living in Catalonia for 7 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

For economic reasons

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes, I was always well received by the different partners that I have had

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Because I have family living here .

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

I thought get me a college degree

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No, it is still in progress

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The language, because I could not give my opinion when I was asked by my partners when they asked me in catalan, because I didn't understand.

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

I learned to speak catalan and has not been as difficult as I thought

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Well, I got a lot of friends.

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

In the environment where I move there is a bit of everything and honestly I do not care where people are

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Generally speaking, I would say its coldness

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

While there is still employment and you can live comfortably, they can do what they want.

13. Are you interested?

Yes, someday I would like to do something to solve the situation

14. How can it affect you?

It is supposed not affect me at all.

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Name: Jorge Bartolomé

Age: 43

Sex: M

Nationality: Argentinean

Profession: technical pharmacist

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

8 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Economic reasons

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Because I have family here

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Improve economically

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Being away from the family

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

Yes, I am learning, it is not difficult

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Good

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

I spend time with catalan and immigrants equally.

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

I would not change anything

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

There are political concepts as worldwide who follow their interests instead of the people.

13. Are you interested?

I am no interested

14. How can it affect you?

It can affect me economically speaking

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Name: Flor

Age: 15

Sex: F

Nationality: Argentinean

Profession: Student

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

8 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Economic reasons

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

We have family here

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

That most of our problems would disappear

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Make friends. I was little and did not understand the language

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

I speak catalan and no it is not difficult

9. How is your social life nowadays?

I got a lot of social life

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

With the three of them, catalan, Spanish and immigrant people

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

I don't know

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

It is confusing

13. Are you interested?

Yes

14. How can it affect you?

I don't know

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Name: Juan Carlos Prieto Crespo

Age: 53

Sex: M

Nationality: Cuban

Profession: Doctor

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

8 años

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Economic and family

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Labor supply and climate

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Work and standard of living

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The language

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

It is hard for me

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Not very social

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

Catalan and immigrants

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Nothing

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

Difficult, the independence it is a long way to go

13. Are you interested?

Yes

14. How can it affect you?

Nothing

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Name: Zully Colman

Age: 43

Sex: F

Nationality: Paraguayan

Profession: Doctor

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

8 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Insecurity

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

I had been here before at another time

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Tranquility, safety, and dedication to the family

6. Have those expectations been changed?

Yes

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The language

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

Yes, is hard.

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Active

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

I spend time with catalan people

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Nothing

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

Unstable

13. Are you interested?

Yes

14. How can it affect you?

Changing the expectations that brought us here at first time.

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Name: Lissette Jimenez Lopez

Age: 43

Sex: F

Nationality: Cuban

Profession: Doctor

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

10 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Economic problems

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Of course, I am integrated

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

For the job, the reception from the Catalan and Barcelona City

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

My expectations were spent the rest of my professional life in Barcelona

6. Have those expectations been changed?

They have changed due to the existing crisis

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The most difficult thing was the climate and the culture

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

I have learned the language in day to day

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Mi social life is very active

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

I spend more time with immigrants

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

I think it is a subject of a lot of dispute but should be analyzed and believe they may be independent Catalonia

13. Are you interested?

Yes

14. How can it affect you?

I do not think it can affect me

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Name: Fatima Demba

Age: 61

Sex: Female

Nationality: Senegalese

Profession: Geriatrics

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

25 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

The reason why i left my country was because I wanted my children to have a better future

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes, even though the beginning was very hard since I didn't know anyone here but end up making lots of friends

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Because in that moment Spain was a country where you could find a job easily, and it was actually the closest country we could go to

4. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

When I arrived here I thought that I would find a good job easily and would be able to bring my children that I left in Senegal when I came

5. Have those expectations been changed?

Fortunately all those expectations and dreams have finally come true, now I'm working in a job that I love and I have all my children here with me, I honestly couldn't ask for anything more else

6. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

I think that the most difficult thing to get used to was not having anyone to talk to or hang out since I didn't know anyone. Not having my children and family here didn't help either

7. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

I learned Catalan the same year I came here

8. How is your social life nowadays?

I have lots of good friends that have been there for me in the bad and good times

9. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

I spend more time with immigrant people

10. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

What I would change about Catalonia would be all racism towards immigrants

11. Are you interested?

Yes I am interested because it is an important issue that affects all of us

12. How can it affect you? It basically affects me economically

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Name: Luandra Gonzales

Age:18

Sex:F

Nationality: Bolivian

Profession: Student

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

9 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Family reunification, my mom was living here

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Like I mention before, my family was here

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Integrate and know the costumes

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Living with strange people, because I was not used

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

Understand what I write and I can speak, not hard

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Totally integrated

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

With all of them

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

From the catalans, the racism

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

I think they should not give the next step through independence

13. Are you interested?

No

14. How can it affect you?

It does not affect me

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Name: Tamara

Age: 37

Sex: F

Nationality: cubana

Profession: Diplomada em Enfermeria

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

6 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

I married a Catalan. My husband lives and works here.

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Because my husband has lived all his life here, and it is where he has his job

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

That I could work, have a home and make a family

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

idiosyncrasy . The circumstances that have lived here, with which we live in our country to us has made us one way or another. There are a lot of contrast and that sometimes costs integrate and assimilate to our new day.

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

In particular I've learned self with my family, reading, interacting and interacting with all. I think that question depends largely on the interest you have

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Good, Very different from what I had in my home country but I feel good

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

I get relatedated with everyone equally dependind of the circumstances of current day

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

I would like to be them more open-minded

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

I believe that this situation will come out positive things and learn from mistakes. With clear weather this12. Are you interested?

13. Are you interested?

No

14. How can it affect you?

I think in a matter of work

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Name: Abderauf EL HADDAD

Age: 42

Sex: Male

Nationality: Moroccan

Profession: English Teacher

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

Since 2002

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Professional reasons

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes.

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

I was living in Belgium, and I decided to come to Spain to set up a business. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

I expected nice weather, nice food, and nice people.

5. Have those expectations been changed?

Not really.

6. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The most difficult thing I first encountered was the local language, I mean Catalan. Before my arrival in Catalonia, I could speak Spanish but not Catalan.

7. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

I have never learned Catalan at a school, but I don't think it's a difficult language to learn.

8. How is your social life nowadays?

I'm married with two sons who were born in Catalonia. Living here now is like living in my home country.

9. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

Actually, because I teach English, most of my time is spent with Catalan and Spanish people, who are mainly my students or colleagues. Apart from my family that is living here too, I spend very little time with other immigrants.

10. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Actually, I wouldn't change anything about Catalonia or Catalan people.

11. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

As a foreigner, not being allowed to vote or participate in the political life of this country, I prefer not to give an answer to this question.

12. Are you interested?

I would love to vote

13. How can it affect you?

What's happening in this country must affect me directly or indirectly. I pay the same taxes Spanish people pay, but I can't vote. I find this a bit frustrating.

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Name: Samira Martínez

Age: 21

Sex: F

Nationality: Cuban

Profession: Student

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

8 years.

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Financial reasons.

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia? Yes.

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

My parents found a job here.

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

I expected there would be a lot of freedom, safety, diversity... I expected the population to be well educated and well mannered.

6. Have those expectations been changed?

They're mostly the same, expect for the fact that the level of education and everyday manners is lower than I expected. There's also not as much tolerance as I thought, although it's higher than other parts of Spain.

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The fact that people aren't very open and it's sometimes hard to establish real friendships.

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

I have learnt Catalan, it wasn't too difficult because I already spoke Spanish.

9. How is your social life nowadays?

I'm busy often and don't have a lot of time for social life. When I do have time I hang out with classmates.

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

Mostly Catalans.

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

I think the education system could use some updating. Teachers should be given more freedom, children should receive more personalized education and parents should be much more involved in their children's learning. I think if we want to improve a society we have to start by changing the way people in that society think, and this starts in the classroom and at home.

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

There's a lot of room for improvement. Budget cuts in areas such as education and healthcare are made by people who do not have any direct contact with these areas and they underestimate the impact it has on society.

13. Are you interested?

I am, but I admit that I'm not as up-to-date as I should be.

14. How can it affect you?

It affects me in every way it affects any middle-class member of this society. All decisions have an impact on my current living conditions and my future plans.

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Name: Ruth Murray

Age: 45

Sex: Female

Nationality: Irish

Profession: Linguist

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

Since 1990, so 23 years.

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

I wanted to learn Spanish.

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

In many ways, I do, but it took time and effort. Speaking Catalan helped a lot.

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

I wanted to learn Spanish. When I finished my degree in Translation, the university advised us to learn another language before starting out as professional translators. It's a competitive market. I chose Catalonia because I wanted to be in Barcelona around the time of the Olympics.

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

I wasn't expecting much really. I came to learn a language, enjoy some sunshine and meet new people.

6. Have those expectations been changed?

Yes. I had to learn two languages, not one. Catalan people are more like North Europeans than I expected. They are hardworking and driven, yet less welcoming of other cultures and people than I expected.

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Bad manners! After 23 years here, I still can't get used to people not saying please and thank you, skipping queues, pushing their way on the street and not apologising, I find these mannerisms very hard to live with.

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

I started learning Catalan at beginner level. I have done all of the exams, from A to B to C. I would like to achieve level D as a personal challenge. I don't find it too hard because I like learning languages and I speak and write Catalan every day.

9. How is your social life nowadays?

My social life is pretty quiet as I have kids. Most of the activities I am involved in are related to my children's lives.

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

A mix, really. My husband is Catalan, as are his friends. The people I work with are Catalan and English. However, I know almost no Spanish. A lot of my friends are Catalan and immigrants from Europe.

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Their manners. A pleasant gesture once in a while would make Catalonia a nicer place to live; a smile, a wave when you let a driver onto the road, a thank you from a child, a helping hand when you are struggling with kids and shopping, better driving manners, tidier streets, and I could go on.

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

I believe Catalonia has a culture and language that deserves respect. If the Spanish government continues to propose laws that deny and outlaw these two fundamental elements that belong to the people of Catalonia, I strongly agree that Catalans have to stand up and defend what is theirs.

13. Are you interested?

I am very interested in Catalan politics.

14. How can it affect you?

It can only have a personal impact on me really. I believe in democracy. I believe in the right to speak and be educated in the language of your culture and choice. I do not feel comfortable about living in a country ruled by the current Spanish government, which I consider to be anti-democratic and oppressive.

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Name: Antoine Leonetti

Age: 41

Sex: Male

Nationality: French

Profession: Cultural Manager

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

12 years (but I also lived before almost 4 years in Madrid and 10 months in Seville)

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

First to finish my studies (PhD in comparative law) and then I decided to stay because I liked very much the life here.

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes indeed.

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

I was actually living in Madrid before, enjoying living in Spain, but I was missing the sea (I come from French Brittany) and wanted also to experiment another city in this country. I get a job in Barcelona, so I decided to move here.

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

I actually already knew it before (I came to visit some friends quite a few times); I expected to be a nice city to live in, with a quite way of life and a nicer weather than in Madrid (less hot in summer, and warmer in winter).

6. Have those expectations been changed?

- Not really, it's been quite like I thought.

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Maybe the switch from the funny, open minded, international and lively character of people in Madrid, to a more close, provincial, and not that lively mentality in Barcelona.

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

I already learnt it (I've got the C level). I waited a couple of years before really deciding to take lessons (in my first job I really didn't need it), but as soon

as I decided to learn it, it was quite fast and not that complicated (coming from French is a lot easier I guess).

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Really nice, I'm very well connected, with a lot of friends. I also got married to a guy from Barcelona, so I got many new friends also thanks to him.

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

I would say maybe 40% Catalan, 40% Spanish and 20% immigrants.

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

The fact that nationalist issues are too present in political and day life, hiding real and much more important economic issues, and also restraining what could be a more open, international and creative cultural life.

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

I think, as said in the former response, that nationalist issues are too present in political life, and has a too deep impact on any political decision.

13. Are you interested?

By political issues here? Yes, in the way that nationalism impeaches sometimes politicians to dedicate enough attention and energy on other more important economic or cultural matters.

14. How can it affect you?

In my work as a cultural manager, it can affect me because it's sometimes more difficult to be heard as a non-Catalan, in professional meetings.

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Name: Gabriela

Age: 24

Sex: F

Nationality: polish

Profession: professor

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

13 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Because my family lived abroad.

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Fairly good

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

I did not choose that, I came because my father was here.

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Better opportunities.

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No.

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Language and some traditions, which are very different.

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

Actually I had a very good level of Catalan but it was only possible to achieve through years of study.

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Very good.

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

With Catalans.

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Catalonia needs better educations and less "migdiada".

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

They deserve the independence.

13. Are you interested?

Once you are somewhere and it is not for holidays it should form part of your life as you are part of this society. Of course I am interested and highly involved.

14. How can it affect you?

As I said before, I am part of this environment and it is necessary to know what is going on around you. My life depends on politics of this country.

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Name: Paul Garbutt

Age: 45

Sex: Male

Nationality: British

Profession: Secondary school teacher

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

22 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

To work in a language school in Manresa

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes!

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

To work and for a change

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

I expected a new life style

6. Have those expectations been changed?

Yes

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Language barrier. Catalan is essential to feeling integrated

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

I learnt Catalan a long time ago!

9. How is your social life nowadays?

I'm married with 2 children so I go out very little.

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

Catalans

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Catalonia would be independent!

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

I follow it with interest

13. Are you interested?

Yes

14. How can it affect you?

It affects me just like it affects us all. At the end of the day I'm just another Catalan

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Name: Moises Rodriguez

Age: 22

Sex: Male

Nationality: Honduras

Profession: Student

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

Three years.

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Visit my mother. She has been living here too many years

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes.

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

I didn't choose. I'm here because I live with my mother

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

I Thought that people might have been more friendly.

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No.

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

Food, because in my country is more healthy.

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

I'm learning catalan, and it's a little bit hard.

9. How is your social life nowadays?

It's okay. I have good friends.

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

More with immigrant people but with catalan or Spanish people a little less.

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

Nothing, I like the way of being, their culture is nice.

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

I would like to become independent. But is very difficult.

13. Are you interested?

Yes.

14. How can it affect you?

In some way affects us all who reside here.

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Name: Ariel Aldas

Age: 16

Sex: M

Nationality: Cuban

Profession: Student

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

6 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

Because my mother's family lives here

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes, I feel good and integrated

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

My family was the one who decided to move here

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

Learn the language quickly

6. Have those expectations been changed?

I have not proposed other expectations

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

People are different, the way of being of the catalan people

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

Yes, I already know how to speak catalan, and it is not very hard

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Very Good

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

Spanish people

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

I am not anyone to change anything.

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

The truth is I have not stopped to think about it and honestly I do not care

13. Are you interested?

No

14. How can it affect you?

It does not affect me

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Name: Simone Marchetti Guille

Age: 19

Sex: M

Nationality: Cuban

Profession: Student

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

8 years

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

To seek a better life

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

It was where the opportunity to work for my parents presented

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

I thought things were going to be easy because everything would comfort is what we think the most when we are in our country that everything here will be better

6. Have those expectations been changed?

I'm still determined to get it.

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

The customs, in my country of origin, Cuba, is very different all the neighbors are like family and children play together in the street ,here there are not such things

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn catalan? Is it hard?

6 months was enough to learn it because they speak Italian and that helps a little further , I think it is not difficult to learn.

9. How is your social life nowadays?

I have few friends and a million acquaintances I interact with all types of people regardless of race or color, that's something q is appreciated because in my country there is only Cubans and here I have learned things from other cultures

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

I spend my time with immigrants ,I got related to Spanish and Catalan but not like a friendship is such a hello how are you and little else.

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

I think they are very reserved each goes to his world there is no such relationship with neighbors as there is in my country and that is something that is made to miss

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

Just as I think of the political situation worldwide a scam

13. Are you interested?

I do not follow politics much but whenever I hear some politics are politicians who steal or make cuts

14. How can it affect you?

Like everybody else.

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Name: Ivelina

Age: 40

Sex: Mujer

Nationality: Bulgara

Profession: ginecóloga

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia?

-Cuanto tiempo has estado viviendo en Cataluña?

**Yo llevo ya seis años aquí. El culpable de venir a Cataluña y abandonar mi país era mi marido .**

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

-Cual fue la razón para dejar a tu país?

**Buscar la vida mas segura mas estable y tranquila**

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

-Te sientes bien integrada y recibida en tu país local, en este caso Cataluña?

**Ya me siento bien recibida y bien integrada**

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

-Porque escogistes mudarte para Cataluña?

**Estamos viviendo en Cataluña porque es muy parecida a nuestro país ( incluso naturaleza) tiene buen clima ....**

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

-Cuales eran tus expectativas cuando llegaste a Cataluña?

**Mis expectativas cuando vine eran vivir mejor : de tranquilidad de seguridad y de flexibilidad**

6. Have those expectations been changed?

-Han cambiado esas expectativas?

**No he cambiado las expectativas ahora espero solo que mis hijos tienen vida estable y que sean felices- eso es todo lo que quiero**

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

-Cual fue la cosa más difícil para adaptarte? Porque?

**Sigo hechando de menos mi pais mis padres y mis amigos todo lo que no puedes llevar y todo lo que no puedes poner en una maleta. Y su pongo que esto nunca cambiara**

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

-Estas aprendiendo Catalan o planeas hacerlo? Es difícil?

**Estoy planteando aprender catalan me parece mucho mas difícil que español**

9. How is your social life nowadays?

-Como es tu vida social actualmente?

**La vida social casi no existe por los condiciones familiares en mi caso concreto( tener hijos pequeños y estar solos me refiero solo con mi marido) de esta manera si que somos mas aislados pero normal**

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

-Pasas mas tiempo con catalanes, españoles, o con personas inmigrantes?

**Paso tiempo con gente de nacionalidades diferentes ( catalanes españoles extranjeros**

10. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

-Si pudieras cambiar una cosa sobre Cataluña y los catalanes, cual sería?

11. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

-Que piensas de la situación política de Cataluña?

12. Are you interested?

Estas interesada?

13. How can it affect you?

-Como te puede afectar?

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Name: Bénédicte Löchen

Age: 42

Sex: Woman

Nationality: French

Profession: Translator

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia? Eight years (since 2005)

2. Which was the reason for you to left your homeland?

To follow my husband who found a job in Manresa

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia?

Yes I do

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia?

Because my husband had a job offer in Manresa

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia?

I just wanted my family to be united and to live happily and in a good environment.

6. Have those expectations been changed?

No, so far so good. We have been lucky that the crisis has not hit us so hard.

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why?

It took some time to get Catalan friends, in part because we were living among immigrants. Speaking Catalan has proved to be more difficult than I thought too.

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard?

I took a couple of classes many years ago, and I now get by with what I know. It is hard to speak it well, but easy to understand.

9. How is your social life nowadays?

Pretty good.

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people?

On week-ends I spend more time with immigrants, and on weekdays, I spend time with Catalan and Spanish friends (through the children). So overall, about half and half.

11. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be?

I would love to see more tolerance, solidarity and open minds. But that's not limited to Catalonia and the Catalans.

12. What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia?

I find fascinating that Catalonia wants to become independent, but scary at the same time. I am in favor of Catalonia's independence, but as a foreigner I stay at the margin.

13. Are you interested?

Very much so.

14. How can it affect you?

I am not sure, but if the situation were to become very unstable in Catalonia, it would certainly affect everyone. In any case, if Catalonia were to become independent, I would probably stay here, unless we lost our jobs.

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Name: Milen Bonev  
Age: 45 años  
Sex: H  
Nationality: Bulgaro  
Profession: Anestesiologo

1. How long have you been living in Catalonia? -Cuanto tiempo has estado viviendo en Cataluña? 5 años

2. Which was the reason for you to leave your homeland? -Cual fue la razón para dejar a tu país? La mafia que ocupa todo, la pobreza allí, falta de las reglas y el respeto a la gente. Bulgaria es el país más pobre en UE. Soy un inmigrante económico.

3. Do you feel integrated and well received in your local country, in this case Catalonia? -Te sientes bien integrada y recibida en tu país local, en este caso Cataluña? Creo que me siento bien integrado y que la gente en general me trata bien.

4. Why did you choose to move to Catalonia? -Porque escogiste mudarte para Cataluña? Porque tengo conocidos búlgaros aquí que me han ayudado mucho para mudarme.

5. What did you expect when you arrived to Catalonia? -Cuales eran tus expectativas cuando llegaste a Cataluña? A trabajar mi trabajo como anestesiólogo y especialista en cuidados intensivos, hacerlo con tranquilidad sin pensar que no tenemos suficiente dinero mañana para comprar comida o medicamentos para sus padres, que viviremos en un país con la más seguridad, buena infraestructura, un país europeo, que puedo seguir la formación como médico y hacer esto que me encanta, que puedo proponer y pagar a mi hija la escuela que le dará un futuro más seguro....

6. Have those expectations been changed? -Han cambiado esas expectativas? No

7. What was the most difficult thing to get used to? Why? -Cual fue la cosa más difícil para adaptarte? Porque? La idioma castellano y catalán. Porque faltaba tiempo a estudiarlo en Bulgaria antes de venir aquí, y luego cuando llegue faltaba mucho tiempo estudiarlo además aquí se habla catalán es otra dificultad para aprender. También es difícil adaptarse con la falta de puntualidad y la mentirosa manera a vivir la gente, son bastante mentirosos y se confía difícil a ellos pero no en todos en general por suerte

8. Are you learning Catalan or are you planning to learn Catalan? Is it hard? -Estas aprendiendo Catalan o planeas hacerlo? Es difícil? No lo hago todavía, entiendo bastante pero no lo hablo. Creo que no está mal a aprenderlo pero es difícil, cuesta y necesita mucho tiempo libre para estudiarlo que no lo tengo.

9. How is your social life nowadays? -Como es tu vida social actualmente? Tengo una buena vida social. Tengo muy buenos compañeros de trabajos, algunos nuevos amigos españoles, catalanes y búlgaros. Lo que solo necesito más es más tiempo libre.

10. Do you spend more time with Catalan, Spanish, or with immigrant people? -Pasas más tiempo con catalanes, españoles, o con personas inmigrantes? Más con españoles y catalanes. También con inmigrantes (cubanos, peruanos, argentinos, venezolanos, búlgaros, rumanos, rusos, italianos, alemanos, ingleses...)

10. If you could change one thing about Catalonia and the Catalans, what would it be? -Si pudieras cambiar una cosa sobre Cataluña y los catalanes, cual sería? Son un

poquito serados, me gustaria estar más abiertos y con más respeto a todos que son fuerade su poblacion. Estan acostumbradas a mandar y los inmigrantes a trsbajar pero ya se cambiaré todo. Tambien quiero que estan más responsable y que no prometen cuando saben que no haran nunca esto.... es un tema largo

11.What do you think about the political situation of Catalonia? -Que piensas de la situación política de Cataluña? A mi las cosas de la politica y de la impendiencia catalana me provocan vomito

12.Are you interested? Estas interesada? Para nada

13.How can it affect you? -Como te puede afectar? No me afectará . Creo que la impendiencia es muy cara para ganarla y mantenerla más caro !