

Mrs. Goci – Emigrated from Italy, and owns Central Fish Café in Aberdare, South Wales.

Q. When did you and your family emigrate to Wales?

A. I came in 1960, my husband's father came in 1912, with two brothers, and they were all running businesses in Aberdare, Cwmaman and Cwmbach.

Q. Which part of Italy did you originate from?

A. A northern province, about 85KM from Milan.

Q. How would describe that area?

A. It's a nice area.

Q. Is it quite rural or industrial?

A. Industrial

Q. Do you have a lot of family left in Italy?

A. Yes. I have a brother, a sister, and a son who was born in Wales, but moved to Italy to work. He works as a translator and is married to an Italian girl and has a four-year-old son.

Q. Do you visit often?

A. Every year, I've just spent 4 months there, and I'm going there for a week over Christmas.

Q. When you first moved here, did you have any problems settling in here?

A. Not really, the only problem I had was the language, but I gradually learnt it.

Q. What was your main reason for moving to Wales?

A. To learn the language, but then I met my husband, then we got married over here and we're still here now.

Q. What would you say are the main differences between Welsh and Italian culture?

A. Not much difference really. It used to be very different, but is now very similar.

Q. Are you religious in any way?

A. Roman Catholic, all of my family, and my husband's family are Roman Catholic.

Q. A lot of people in this country, think that the majority of Italians are Roman Catholic. Would you say that this is a fair comment?

A. Yes, nearly everybody in Italy is a Roman Catholic.