

**Rosa Scaccia** – Her family emigrated from Sicily to Wales.

Her father first emigrated in 1953 and her mother followed 3 years later, because her father had to work for 3 years in this country, before his family were allowed over. He had 3 brothers over here already so he came straight to Camarthan.

Q. What is Sicily like?

A. It is very hot; it is a very open country and has lots of farms.

Q. Do you have much family left in Italy?

A. Yes, all my mother's family live in Sicily. My mother has two sisters and two brothers who live in Palermo, the capital of Sicily.

Q. Do you visit your mother's family often?

A. Not really, but we went over last year for the first time since the death of my mother. First time in about 20 years, but we used to go there a lot when we were younger.

Q. Do you speak on the telephone often?

A. Yes, they still phone me, and I still phone them.

Q. What was your parent's main reason for leaving Italy?

A. There was not much work available in Italy at the time.

Q. Did they have any problems when they first moved over?

A. No I don't think so. My dad knew that he'd get work over here before he left, because his brothers were already here.

Q. Did they settle in well?

A. Yes, as far as I know.

Q. Did they suffer any prejudices?

A. I don't know if they did, but I did, because when I first went to school I was a lot darker.

Q. Do you follow any religion?

A. I was brought up as a Roman Catholic, as my mother was one. But in the last 10 years, I have changed my religion. I am now a Jehovah's Witness.

Q. Are there any strong differences between Welsh and Italian culture?

A. No, they are pretty much the same, as old morals are very similar. However the youth cultures are different. Youths in Italy are a lot more respectful, and well behaved.

Q. Would you ever consider moving back to Italy?

A. Never. It gets very hot in Italy, and I would find it hard to get used to the weather.

Q. Why did you become a Jehovah's Witness?

A. Mainly because when I was younger, I went to church every Sunday and I have always believed that there is a God. However, I had never felt close enough to God. But becoming a Jehovah's Witness has enabled me to have a closer relationship with God.

Q. Do you think being a Jehovah's Witness would be accepted in Italy?

A. I was very surprised when I went over there. There are a few Jehovah's Witnesses in Italy and they are accepted. Which is a surprise, because they are very Catholic in Sicily, but it is accepted.

Q. In the youth culture in Britain, a lot of youths are embarrassed to go out for meals, etc with their parents. However, the Italians who recently visited our school, were very surprised by this, and said that they go out with their parents and are much more family orientated. What is youth culture like in Sicily?

A. As you said, it is much more family orientated. The youths don't go out to pubs and sit there all night like the youths we know. They spend time with family and friends in cafes and small bars chatting and having a quiet drink. They also go for walks and spend time at each other's houses. You would not see anybody getting drunk like you would in this country.

Q. So, would you say that younger generation drinking is frowned upon in Italy?

A. It's not done over there, so it cannot be frowned upon.