

## News Letter AUDELE – CUIC April 2010

### Welcome to our EVS volunteers:

Marta from Poland; Inese from Latvia; Samuela, Federica and Luca from Italy; Daniela and Katarina from Slovakia and Dani from Spain. Also welcome to Sarah, Darius and Travis who are also volunteers in our projects! This year volunteers are involved with many activities: they work in the youth center in the children day care centre and also by giving language classes to kids, youth and adults. Thanks for this first wonderful month!



We invite you to our blog <http://audeleuruguay.blogspot.com/> to read volunteers weekly report in different languages: English, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Latvian, and Slovak. Each month we will publish one volunteer report in this news letter.

### Photography Workshop

The Uruguayan photographer, Laura Abad, together with Karen Mitelman and Federica Sanna from Italy are carrying on the photography workshop Exchanging Dreams – Intercultural Dialogue supported by the European Commission and Everything's Possible. 12 young people are participating actively in the activity at Guildford!



### What are your first impressions of Montevideo? By Federica Sanna

A question that seems easy, but in truth it is difficult because I'm here only since two weeks and I saw little of this city yet.

What I say to my friends and my family in Italy when they make me this question is: "It's really a city!" ... because I did not expect to find a town such as those found in Europe, I

thought there were more different things ... and yet, at least in appearance, it is not like this.

Actually until this time I have only seen the place most "central" in Montevideo, the periphery I do not know still and probably is very different from what I've seen until this moment, but I want to discover.

Turning to walk through the city we discovered that there are many opportunities to do things (museums, cultural events, concerts, courses ...) and this is very interesting! ... We already went for our first free tango lesson and was so funny!

Moreover, the Uruguayan people are really friendly and are available to help if needed; I do not think this is a feature so obvious when I think how much distrust there is in European Countries. Surely we should not generalize, but this is the first impression that the locals have given me. In a short time we have known several people (also thanks to AUDELE) ... simply going to a concert or a pub.

The first thing that struck me much the first day in which I was here are the house... in a street I' have not seen a house like another: each house has its own style, colour, something that distinguishes it from others!... is great!... and above all there are no tall buildings to prevent any view: in the central area there are homes that do not exceed 4 floors almost! What joy!

The second thing that struck me is seeing around the city all day some characters on carts pulled by horses (the horses are very thin and shabby) that stop at all rubbish bins for picking paper, organic rubbish and plastic. I do not remember how call them and I do not know if they sell what they collect, but it certainly seems to me that are very poor people. However, you wake up in the morning, look outside and see the dustman's (like in Europe) that go to empty the bins ...



Strange contradiction!

Another thing that I have yet to understand is the price of life: the supermarket prices are more or less the same as ours, all technological things instead are very expensive (I think because they are luxury goods as well mobile phones all the people have), bus are cheaper than us and go in a pub to drink a beer at is cheaper. I do not know... I have yet to understand.

I cannot wait to know a little bit Spanish language in order to understand and discover a lot of things that I would now already know, but I give me time ... I just have a little patience!