

## **Elaine interviewing Kim, a student in the Premiere Class at College St Charles in St Brieuc**

Elaine: Ah, So Kim, good to catch up with you. Tell me which of the interviews that you were presented with as it were did you choose and why?

Kim: Actually I didn't really choose because it was the only option remaining

Elaine: oh ok

Kim: Every other interview had been chosen so this ... was a good interview so I took it. Um, it was the former mayor of Guingamp who was talking about her job, what being a mayor was about, what she had to do, etc. It was really interesting to see this job from the point of view of somebody who, who did it because it always seems so mysterious like, ohh it's a mayor, it's a title ... quickly.

Elaine: And often I think I understand I mean she was obviously a female mayor but they also have another job as well don't they, the mayor?

Kim: Yes as a mayor she also had the title of police officer I think. It was just a title she said she wasn't the kind of officer who would break into people's house with a gun and say hands up

Elaine: So after you had listened to that, not necessarily because it was at the bottom of the pile, did you feel inspired by it in any way to maybe do something similar? Would you like to be a mayor or

Kim: Maybe but it's a lot of responsibilities and desirable work, like she said people always call her for everything like a cat who has been missing, writing a speech for an event or somebody who died, etcetera and it's a lot of pressure because the people are always requesting her attention.

Elaine: So you've got as I can hear now a very good command of English. Have you been to England? Have you visited an English speaking country?

Kim: Yes, I had a chance to visit the USA last year I studied here for 5 month between February and June and so I visited a lot of cities on the west coast, New York, Baltimore and me and my family, because I wasn't alone, lived in Washington DC where I studied in a French school not an American school, I would have been lost. It was a great experience and if I could do it again I would, because it was very interesting to meet people from all over the world in 1 school. Some were fluent in 4 languages, was really funny because there were 2 girls in my German class who spoke fluently English French German

and Spanish. Every language taught in the school, but they had to pick one so they were just bored in a class they were forced to go in.

Elaine: It's very difficult. But that's excellent. They do say apparently it's said that once you've learned another foreign, a foreign language apart from your own obviously that then you learn another one it becomes easier because your brain adjusts to all the different vocabulary, I don't know

Kim: Maybe. I think it's true because when you have languages with similar words like French and Spanish or English and German because they are closer languages it's easier because you can find the words who are similar between the 2 languages so it's easier to memorise it.

Elaine: So what is your native language?

Kim: French

Elaine: Oh it's French is it?

Kim: yeah

Elaine: ok and you've lived here all your life?

Kim: Yes almost but I got studying in foreign country like in Vietnam which is my mother's country

Elaine: that's what I wondered about

Kim: Canada and lastly USA

Elaine: Kim, what are your plans maybe for the future with your competence of English, how would you like to use it?

Kim: I don't really know, it's hard to choose because there are a lot of things I love to do and I have to balance between what I really want to do and what will ensure a good quality of life

Elaine: So nothing in particular at the moment, but there again you've got years to go, you've got a long way to go and I think now that you don't have to stick on one career path, you can diversify

Kim: Yes, I think I want to do something just teaching or management related but I'm not sure yet.

Elaine: Well I wish you the very best of luck and I know that with your command of English you're going to find it very easy to follow which ever career path you want to



Kim: Thank you

Elaine: I wish you the very best of luck

Kim: It doesn't make everything, thank you.