

Hear from Olha, a Ukrainian who moved to Poland as a student

Olya:

My name is Olya and I came from Kyiv. From Ukraine, I came here to study for the Bachelor's degree after I graduated from school when I was still 17 years old.

Interviewer:

What were the challenges you needed to face?

Olya:

After the first semester, I had a great desire to return home. I even collected money that my parents sent me to buy a ticket and fly back to Kiev without telling my parents anything. But then I realized that it wouldn't be nice to my parents, first of all. And secondly, since I have already decided to take such a step, since I am already here why not try? Why not try to develop further here somehow, find friends here too? Because life does not stop. It is the opposite. It will go further.

Interviewer:

What would you advise to those who are trying to relocate to a new country?

Olya:

Of course, when you move from place to place and you don't see that old life—you don't see your family, friends, you do not see your home—then it seems to you that you are detached from your life, that it was taken away from you. You will not have it any more. But at the same time, I found a lot of friends here. A lot of opportunities have opened up for me, and I already feel Poznan as my second home. And it's cool when you have two homes—not just one—and do not be afraid of it.