Hear from Vera, a Peruvian who relocated to Germany in 2016

Vera:

Hello. My name is Vera. I was born and raised in Peru and I've been living in Germany for six years now.

Interviewer:

How did you relocate to Germany?

Vera:

Since I was in high school, I was kind of curious about Europe and living outside. And then I found this, I will say, magic program. It's an Au Pair program where you babysit the children from a family and help with some tasks in the household, and also get to learn a new culture and get to learn, of course, on your language.

Interviewer:

How did you learn the local language?

Vera:

I think the first eight months I mostly communicated in English and at some point I decided, okay, I want to live in Germany and I need to learn the language to be able to get an education here. I applied for a volunteering program in a kindergarten and that's where I would say was the point where my German really improved, because I was just waking up in German, living the whole day in German, having lunch in German.