My Proposal

My topic is multiculturalism. The question that I have to answer for the City Cite program is, ‘Is multiculturalism accepted in Melbourne?’

I think that multiculturalism is accepted in Melbourne, definitely. There are lots of European (UK, Ukraine, France) and Asian (India, China, Japan, Indonesia) people and they have helped change the food and market places. People have obviously accepted the gastronomy of the new cultures. I think that it depends where you are in Melbourne to see where different cultures are accepted, such as the markets, where there is always such a great atmosphere.

I would talk to my Grandad on mother’s side, who is from China, but lived in Kuala Lumpa. He moved to Australia about 10 years before my mother was born. He started up a restaurant and he thrived, unlike many immigrants who have been forced to do the jobs that nobody else wants to do. I would ask him how he coped when he first came to Australia and had broken English. I would also like to interview Matt Cabalero-Biggs, and Jakob DeConick, as they both come from countries other than Australia. It woud be interesting to talk to someone who is at least 4th generation Australian.

I would like to talk to Mr Bolch and Mr Vaughn about multiculturalism. They both manage the exchange programs for Woodleigh School and it would be very interesting to find out their opinions of multiculturalism in Melbourne. I would email them and sort out a convenient time and place for both of us and get all of the required information.

I would go to the Victoria Market and survey people working and buying. I would go in on probably the first few days as, if I need more information I can go back and still have time to edit it into my work.

For walking and mapping, I would go to the markets, China town, and small newsagents which are run by Vietnamese or Indian people, as a lot of them are in Melbourne.

People watching – this is an interesting one. I think that my group would go to the Melbourne immigration centre and watch the people who work there – do they look serious or relaxed? Also the people going in and coming out of the building, looking thankful/relieved or worried, or carefree?

The experiment – I was thinking of going into the Victoria Market and observing the people at work, the attitudes of those buying from vendors that may not, and probably will not, be Australian.

I would hope to be able to secure an interview with someone who works at the immigration centre. I appreciate that they may not be able to tell our group about their job, but their opinion would be valued as they see and meet people from many different cultures and countries.

My individual contribution will be that I am enthusiastic and happy to work in this group.

My strengths are that I am hard working and willing to put in my fair share of work to contribute to the group.

I have no contacts in the city, and my experience of it is not very much, but I am happy to learn more about the city and get my contacts up.

I am very interested about different cultures and Melbourne. I also like finding new things