

His Name Is Jacob

It was a Friday morning in school; we were going to interview the “IVIK” students about how they came to Sweden and what they think about the new country Sweden. The interviews were for the project “ELENE”.

In my group was me and Hadim, we got a boy named Jacob. We took him to the school library. We sat down and introduced ourselves to Jacob, he looked nervous but ready to answer us. We took out our material, the recording tape and the answer sheet we had, and Hadim was ready to write down what Jacob was about to answer.

Jacob is happy to be here in Sweden. He is originally from Somalia, outside Mogadishu. He is very fond of Swedish food, it's different from the food in Somalia, but he likes the potatoes here. Jacob thinks that he's learned the language pretty well, and thinks that it is not that difficult. In his free time he likes to play football. He lives in Upplands Väsby, in Northern Stockholm. He was not that young when I came to Sweden, he was 17 years when he came here, he remembered that when he came here it was very cold and he felt very lonely.

He likes Lofströms very much because of the support he gets from the teachers.

Some day maybe he would like to go back to his home country, he wants to take his family to Sweden.



It is war in the city he lived in, he comes from a little city outside Mogadishu, with his mother and young brother and sister, it was fairly crowded. What was the reason he

came to Sweden. His goal here is to become an engineer, and to be a highly respected man in that field, and to help others. He likes Hip-Hop music and the artist “R. Kelly” very much. And his favorite hobby is to play football.

After the interview, we sat down and just talked about each other, and he got to know me and Hadim better. It was fun and interesting to talk with Jacob, he's a kind guy. We took some pictures with him before we walked back to his classmates.

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(In the picture: Me, Hadim and Jacob)