

Opportunities of a young woman in Tiszavasvári. Izabella Ábri's interview with Brigitta

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The interviewer is one of the long-term local contributors of our participatory research projects in Tiszavasvári. She lives in a street on the edge of the Roma neighbourhood, often referred to as the "Hungarian row", but it has both Roma and non-Roma households. She has two young children in primary school and works in the nursery attached to the Roma neighbourhood. She has participated in writing a Romani storybook and the volume summarising the outcome of our translanguaging project (Heltai, J. and Tarsoly, E. (eds.). 2023. Translanguaging for Equal Opportunities. Speaking Romani at School. Berlin: De Gruyter.) She interviewed one of her Roma friends for the first issue of our periodical.

Tell us a little about your studies, please.

I finished the eighth grade of primary school and continued my studies at the Vasvári Pál vocational school, where I chose the social care profession.

Why did you choose that school?

The school was local, and my parents were reluctant to let me go to school in another town.

What did you gain from your studies?

I had a practice placement at the social care home in Tiszavasvár and I then got a job there. I worked with people needing care: ill people and the elderly. And it was a good feeling to know I could help vulnerable people.

How did you get that internship?

I live in Tiszavasvári, and it was the easiest way to do professional work training locally.

What was the reason for leaving your job?

I became pregnant with my first child. I now have three children, and I plan to return to work at the social care centre when my youngest starts nursery school. I loved working there, and I hope to go back to work.