

## TELLING OUR STORIES, FINDING OUR ROOTS ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM

<b>Date of interview</b>	16th September 2020
<b>Location of interview</b>	Remote
<b>Name of interviewee</b>	Ana Lodge
<b>Name of interviewer</b>	Lizzie Mee
<b>Length of interview</b>	Part One - 00:17:51, Part Two - 00:27:13, Part Three - 00:09:20
<b>File format, storage format</b>	WAV, hosted on Soundcloud. Digital copy obtainable from DDE.

**Tags:**

Brazil ; Europe ; America ; Heritage ; Language ; Travel ; Community ; Faith ; Food ; Identity ; Education ; Tiverton

**Interviewee's wishes regarding use of interview**

None.

**Interviewer's notes / any issues on recording**

The interview is in three parts

**Linked objects/photographs.**

Ana mentions a photo she has of her Baptism, but does not express interest in lending it during the interview.

**Key themes and topics covered in the interview**

Theme / topic	Timecode on recording
Brazilian Italian American Heritage	[Part One 00:01:10 - 00:05:14]
Moving Around in Childhood	[Part One 00:05:14 - 00:12:23]
Deciding on University in the UK	[Part One 00:12:23 - 00:17:40]
First Impressions on Moving Back to the UK	[Part Two 00:02:47 - 00:07:55]
Family Heritage, Faith and Food	[Part Two 00:07:55 - 00:17:41]
“Passing” and Feeling Different in the UK	[Part Two 00:17:41 - 00:25:39]
Languages	[Part Two 00:26:05 - 00:26:48]
Life and Work in Tiverton	[Part Three 00:00:00 - 00:07:10]
A Message to Listeners	[Part Three 00:07:46 - 00:08:33]

**Interview highlights**

“Yes, I feel different. [laughs] And yes, I enjoy it. I - I think. I don't think there could be any other way. You know, like I said, kind of growing up with the background and moving around. I don't know any other way of being. I've been different in lots of different places. And sometimes, sometimes, sometimes it is uncomfortable.” **[Part Two 00:20:29]**

“I'd tell them to embrace difference, to embrace, you know, whatever makes them special. Whatever makes other people special, to be open, to not be scared, you know, to move forward with compassion and, and love and let that let that drive, you know, drive you. It's, you know, it's just, we're just human, all of us. We're just human trying to get by together. And, you know, if we didn't have any, anything that, you know, that made us stand out from each other, it would be just so boring.” **[Part Three 00:07:46 - 00:08:33].**

**Interview summary**

Ana begins her interview by explaining her mixed Brazilian, Italian and American heritage [Part One 00:01:10 - 00:03:02], mentioning queries that she receives regarding her accent: “I can't quite put your accent. Are you from this place or that place?” [Part One 00:02:18 - 00:03:02].

### **Interview summary**

In the Third and final part of the interview, Ana speaks briefly about how she likes to spend her leisure time in Tiverton [Part Three 00:00:00 - 00:01:02]. She then talks at greater length about her work for North Devon Sunrise, of which she says “we work to celebrate diversity, as it goes, and just just raise the profile of diversity. So people from all different cultures and backgrounds as well as people from different identities such as LGBTQ.” [Part Three 00:01:02 - 00:06:03]. Here she discusses how her work has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and how her work might expand and reach other communities in the future.