

## TRAINEESHIP REPORT | Karina A. Rodriguez, Bolivia , 1.8.2015 - 28.2.2016

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This seventh month traineeship influences my personal development a lot. For the first time I was able to create relationships with people that have the same interests as me. Making friends with colleagues from work made me realized how fun architects can be. My previous concept of architects was only from University where they seem to be NO-FUN at all. So perhaps they are as well humans and enjoy a variety of activities for their spare-time.



The experience at work was just wonderful. I think the most meaningful thing my boss thought me was to take as long as is needed to achieve a good result on a solution in a floor plan. The way of working in Switzerland highly differs from the Bolivian way of working looking from the operating way during work. In Bolivia is better if you know how to solve everything and constantly you'll be working in different type of work. With the Swiss you are assigned to do a unique job, or a unique assigned task where you might be the only one doing even if the others now how to.



Barbara Buser (Partner baubüro in situ) and I in one of the Dornach Arlesheim Houses- Antroposophic Architecture

During my stay I have fortunately try many typical dishes. The saurkraut itself and also combined with potatoes to make Bernese Platte also Spätzle, Rösti(2do picture), Sausages, cheese, cheese fondue and chocolate in all its kinds where the best. A couple of times I made dinner for the colleagues, some Peruvian dishes because that's my mom's specialty, so I made Ceviche, Causa de atùn rellena and Pique a lo Macho (Bolivian). They loved it ! And I was very surprised myself about my lucky as a beginner cooker.



Making such an exchange experience was very fulfilling for me to take a new perspective on consumerist behavior. The philosophy of the company that I was working on was not to waste if necessary and that being established for an



contractors, business development and architecture office is a strong stem to hold on to. I admire a lot the effort for giving the lowest foot print possible to the earth by making architecture and I'm very thankful for having the opportunity to learn from them.

I will totally recommend this type of experience for youngsters to know better their way to their approach in live. And if they don't have it yet to have one.. And learn through daily life activities like cooking, drinking a beer in a bar, and swimming in the Rhein.