

Hola! I've just returned home from work. Do you know what I do? Can you guess?

In the UK, many people my age are perhaps getting their first jobs.

But in parts of Argentina, someone who is nineteen might have been working for many years already.

On some farms, if a worker is a parent, their children are expected to work there too.

It is not legal; child labour is banned in Argentina, but still it is what many families have to do.

Farm work is hard and can be dangerous. Children should not be doing this, but there are even more dangerous ways children are forced to work.

School is compulsory in Argentina, but it is not that simple.

Children who work do not go to school like they should. It is a problem, because education is an opportunity for something better in the future.

I know some children do not have the chance; it is very sad.

Now you understand some of the different paths for a poor child in rural Argentina.

I can tell you what I do. I am an engineer. Is that what you guessed?

An engineer builds things the community needs. It is a good job, and I earn enough to support my family.

My employer is fair, and there are worker rights to protect me

Work is a safe place. My boss cannot make me stay for too many hours, I am entitled to time off, holidays. I have sick pay, a pension.

My company respects me and listens to what I have to say. All these things are important.

But the biggest joy I have is that I am helping my community.

I work to help build pipelines in towns and villages in the countryside, so that clean water can reach them. I feel like I am making a difference.

This is what I wanted to say; be happy in what you do. There is good work where you are worth something, and there is bad work where you feel trapped.

We all deserve good work. Jobs that are safe, jobs that provide security for you and your family.

Jobs that are satisfying, and have a positive impact on the world around you.

Whatever makes you happy.