***About the project***

Hi, my name is Amina Kenewa and I am a third year Digital Media student at Coventry University. Whilst growing up I have always wondered what my life would be like had my parents not travelled across the globe multiple times only to finally settle in the UK. As a “Third Cultured Kid” I continuously struggled to relate to my family members back home as well as, fitting in here. Hence, I found myself distanced and confused and began questioning my identity. I have always wanted to really feel and understand and somehow connect with my roots and finally grasp what I had missed out on in terms of understanding the norms and values of my parent’s society and culture and from a research I have conducted 85% of TCK agree. Therefore, I chose to combine my overgrowing feelings along with my Digital media knowledge to create ‘Project 360’.

Project 360, aims to showcase the lifestyle, Education and Entertainment culture of students like myself in final year of undergraduate university course. by creating 360 immersive short films (mini-docs) following 3 participants from Algeria ‘El Oued’ (my country of origin) in order to emulate the feeling of experiencing the lifestyle. This is all published here for you to experience.

To get the full intended experience of these videos it is advised to watch using a VR headset. There will also be YouTube link to this project page where you can watch as a simple 360 video if you do not have a headset.

Thank you and Enjoy!

***Under video 1 (Education)***

Hanan, Omari discuss their Education in EL Oued and talk about how they view the opportunities they have compared to previous generations and also what they love and enjoy about studying in Hamma Lakhdar University. They also discuss what they wish would be developed and improved to maximise their learning and educational experience.

***Under the video 2 –( Entertainment)***

Follow students Sabrina, Abu baker and Omar as they have a live jamming session to their favourite western and Algerian folk songs and socialise in the Algerian Nightlife Gouri Park.

Algeria labels itself as a Muslim country. However, unlike other Muslim countries its French colonisation period has left a big imprint in the way the Algerian society functions today. In the interview it is mentioned that participants and the younger generation act and behave as freely as they wish but always keep in mind their religion and behave in a way that is respectful and acceptable without crossing “the line”. This plays a vital role in student lifestyle as it shapes the way in which the opposite sex students interact and socialise in El Oued compared to Western societies.

***Under video 3 (Lifestyle culture)***

Aladdine and Mohsen talk about how they view their culture and what makes them a member of the Oued society. They also discuss what makes them stand out from other towns in Algeria in terms of food and accents.