

Dženo Association Project Description:

I will be working with the Dženo Association, a Roma media organization in Prague, Czech Republic. They were the first group to broadcast media in Czech, English, and Romany. My role with Dženo will be to support them in their help to expand international knowledge of the plight of the Roma and to assist with any programs in which my help is needed. I hope to set up a number of initiatives including updating their website and making the organization more present in the online media world. I also hope to set up a program in which international students studying in Prague can work with Dženo to help encourage cross cultural learning and sensitivity. In addition, I hope to bring back my experience to the diverse community of College Park, Maryland and the greater DC community to expose many of the issues currently facing the Roma population in Europe. I hope I can be an outside voice that can speak for those who have been continuously ignored by authorities. I think that the best service I will be able to provide is the encouragement to become empowered and help the community help themselves.

In order to provide such assistance, I will be contacting not only the program I studied abroad with, but numerous international student groups to potentially work with Dženo. I will also be completing weekly blog posts, as well as documenting my experience and the experience of the Roma people through both video and photography. With these media items I hope to be able to create a media presence for Dženo and the Roma people to more further their interests as a member of the global community.