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El **Asistente de Idioma Inglés James Bluck** (Reino Unido) realiza actividades en la Ciudad de Buenos Aires de **marzo a septiembre de 2017** (Convenio Min Ed Nación Arg – British Council)

Language Assistant Profile: James Bluck

Hello everyone,

Firstly I'd like to express how excited I am to meet everyone in Buenos Aires, I'm sure we will have lots to discuss and learn from one another! Buenos Aires, and indeed Argentina as a whole is completely unknown territory for me, in fact I have never visited South America before. I have always wished to see as much of this lively continent as possible, and so I look forward to starting my adventure on the other side of the world with you all.

A little about me, I was born and raised in London, which to me is the greatest city in the world, thanks to the diversity of the people who come to live, work or simply visit our capital. I may be biased, but I strongly believe it is the people that create a city's success, with everything I've heard about Buenos Aires and Los Porteños I have a feeling London may have a very strong rival.

At school I studied everything from science to drama, however in the last couple of years I discovered my passion for languages and have since been obsessed with learning as such as possible from people across the globe. I was fortunate enough to have been able to study two foreign languages at secondary school, Spanish and French, both of which are real assets when you live in a city as international as London. When I started to look for courses to study at university I knew I wanted to try something different, perhaps something more challenging and so given I had always had an interest in Russia, I decided to learn Russian, a decision I have never regretted. I am currently studying at the University of St. Andrews on the east coast of Scotland, the home of Golf and the same university where Prince William and Kate Middleton first met – our little claim to fame. Coming from London, St. Andrews was a huge shock to me as it is a town with under 20,000 people, which to me was microscopic. Be that as it may, I have managed to integrate myself fully into the society by joining sports teams and leading student societies.

After two years of study at St. Andrews I have started my year abroad, where I have already spent a semester in Yaroslavl', a city in western Russia. I found Russia truly eyeopening, it was a sharp contrast to western Europe and an invaluable experience which has helped shape some of my perceptions about the world we live in. I have since been living in London and working in an investment bank where I have been immersing myself into the world of finance. In a few weeks I will be making the Move to Argentina, and despite the unbelievable amount of nerves I may have, I am excited more than anything to start my placement as an English Language Assistant with you all.

Last summer I taught English in Spain at a children's summer camp which was a really fun experience. I had visited Spain many times before in the past, yet I had never visited this part, which was a great excuse to do some more travelling. Moreover, every summer I teach maths at my old secondary school during their summer school to better prepare the students for the year ahead.

In my spare time I love to travel. Before flying to Argentina I will be visiting friends who have themselves moved abroad and whom I haven't seen in a very long time. Already friends and family have expressed a desire to visit me in Buenos Aires and go travelling, something that I am definitely not adverse to doing myself. I look forward to sampling the wonderful food and wine Argentina is so famous for as well as perhaps learning the Tango or relaxing in a bar with some Jazz. I myself am not musically gifted but know I will really appreciate the sheer talent and style of music Buenos Aires has to offer!

I look forward to getting to know you all!

See you soon,

James