

Pradip - Barriers and challenges

The barriers I think are only what we create. And we can create those barriers if we feel we have to remain confined to our environment. So quite naturally in Leicester, we have pockets of communities, whether it is a pocket of community of one religion, a particular type of ethnicity, that kind of stuff. So if we do not support the diverse communities to become inclusive with each other, then that can remain a barrier. It can remain a barrier for connection, it can certainly remain a barrier for acceptance and appreciation and understanding and the biggest of all is the barrier for learning about each other. So where we live can become a barrier if we are not willing to step out of that and go and engage with people or go to parts of Leicester that are different from where you live right now. You can go and shop in a particular area that is different to where we might regularly shop. Go and eat somewhere else. So I just think the comfort zone of where we might be in Leicester can become a disadvantage or a barrier for really appreciating the diversity of the city.