

Farhana - Where is home?

It is quite strange really. I know this is my home but every time I go to Dewsbury, as soon as I see a certain landmark, that feels like home. So I belong here, but I do not feel I really do. I was saying this to my husband recently. I feel quite sad that the memories that my boys will have of growing up here in Leicester, I cannot identify with. They go to the same school that my husband went to, so that is quite a nice memory that they share. I do not have that. I cannot say, 'Oh here is where we used to hang around after school,' or 'This is where I went with my friend,' or 'This is where I went [to] university.' So that makes me feel a little bit sad, that I do not share that with them. This is home though. I would not say it is not home, but it is not home at the same time. It is hard because it is my boys' home, so I would never move from here because this is where I am raising my children. I think with Dewsbury – I was there for 29 years, I was born and lived there for 29 years – I think there is a sense of belonging there, because it is what I knew. But I do not feel like I do not belong here. It is just not the same.