

## **Mick - Barriers and challenges**

Everything is getting too 'woke'. That's the word that is being thrown around a lot at the moment. You do not seem to be able to have a laugh anymore or have a joke. When I was younger, that was one of the things that got me through working a full-time day job and then working in Zanzibar or Hartleys or DV8 in the nighttime until 4:00 in the morning, and then going back to work at 7:00 the following morning. It was all about having a laugh and that seems to be taken away from society. You are not allowed to have fun. You are not allowed to make a joke, because it upsets people.

Leicester itself, I have seen it grow. I think the city is overpopulated at the moment, severely overpopulated. The demeanour [of the city] has changed and everybody seems to be arguing amongst themselves about 'we should do this', another group saying 'we should do this', another group say 'we should do that'. There is a lot of that going on in Leicester at the moment.