

Isabella - Where is home?

Leicester's got the motto *Semper Eadem* (Always the Same). In some ways, Leicester is always the same, and in some ways it's always slightly changing. People, whoever they are, are basically the same. People want the same things for their families and their communities – to be safe, be happy, if they have faith to be able to worship freely, to be able to enjoy life. They hopefully can use the health service, and have a good education for their children in state education. There are so many things that people have in common, but equally, an understanding and a respect for people of different backgrounds is vital. Also, understanding that within a religious tradition, people are different. That could be because of their country of origin, or ancestry, or heritage. It could be because of linguistic matters, it could be because of family traditions. You can't label people by a particular religious label, nor a particular place. You can't think that all 'indigenous' Leicester people are the same, in the same way that not all Hindu people are the same. It simply isn't the case, and those generalisations are not a good way of thinking about people.