

Shantu - Stories of welcome and exclusion

What is going on in education? I think there is a huge gap because many communities are segregating themselves. They want their children to be educated in only a specific way and their way of thinking is, 'well, our way is right'. What the majority of these people are not realising is they are here – and I am not flying the British flag or anything, these are my experiences of more than five or six decades – that you are here because there are certain practices within this culture that have a notion of acceptance, that is not aggressive, both in terms of physical violence and psychological violence. So you cannot send my child or my grandchild to a school and say, 'No. We will not celebrate Christmas.'