

Multicultural New Towns Heritage Project



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Arts and Culture



Christine De Myers-Robinson

Christine was born in St. Lucia in the West Indies. She did her first degree in Geography with Social Sciences at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. She moved to the UK in 1976 to go to Birmingham University to do a postgraduate course in Planning. She then moved to Milton Keynes in 1978 to work as a planner with the Milton Keynes Development Corporation.

Christine visited Milton Keynes on a field trip a few months before moving here and was impressed with the planning of the new city and thought it would be a good idea to get some experience here. When she first moved to Milton Keynes there were not many people of minority ethnic origin, particularly from the Caribbean. She worked on the Ethnic Minority Projects aimed to inform ethnic minorities living in London of the opportunities in Milton Keynes and to encourage them to move to the city. She made friends gradually by helping to set up the Afro-Caribbean Association of Milton Keynes (MKACA) to provide social, educational and cultural activities for people of these origins in Milton Keynes.

Christine was also a committee member of Milton Keynes Racial Equality Council and worked to address issues linked to racism in the city. She managed to find more people from St. Lucia through events held by The St. Lucia Association of London. Although Christine loves Milton Keynes she dislikes the ignorance of some people who do not appreciate the fact that people from different countries can make a positive contribution to the City.

Christine's immediate family are in Milton Keynes and she intends to stay here, although when she completely retires she plans to spend more of her time in the Caribbean as she misses the cultural events. She likes the fact Milton Keynes is both urban and rural. Her favourite place in Milton Keynes is The Peace Pagoda because she likes to reminisce there.

