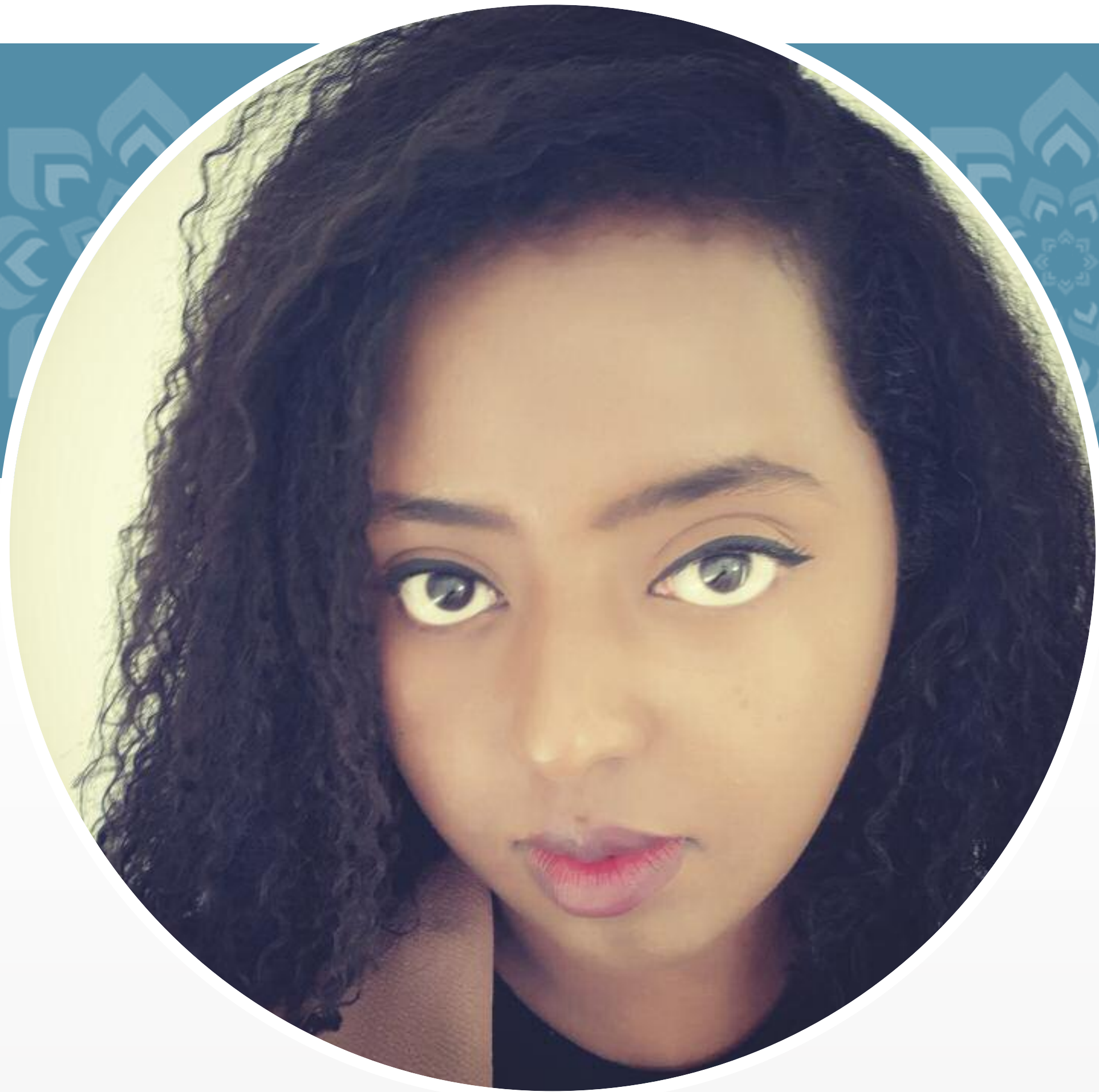


# Multicultural New Towns Heritage Project



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## Hibo Aden

Hibo was born in Somalia in the capital city Mogadishu in 1986. Her name means 'gift' and she was given this name because she was the first born in the family.

Hibo and her family moved from Somalia to Amsterdam before settling in the UK in 2000. When they moved to the UK they originally lived in London but soon moved to Milton Keynes because they could not adapt to the London lifestyle.

When they moved to Milton Keynes she was thirteen or fourteen and so she had to leave friends behind in Amsterdam and learn British English rather than American English. She feels that Milton Keynes has only felt like home in the last ten years. She likes the greenery and the openness of Milton Keynes because she grew up around nature.

Her favourite place in Milton Keynes is Willen Lake because it's peaceful, a great place for reflection and to forget stressful times.

She originally felt uncomfortable around the people in Milton Keynes because she stood out which was complete opposite to her upbringing surrounded by people from different cultures. She believes Milton Keynes is a lot more diverse now than some of the surrounding areas, but it is still not as diverse as Amsterdam. Hibo is settled and happy in Milton Keynes.

