

# Multicultural New Towns Heritage Project



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## Wamid Kereem

Wamid was born in Baghdad in Iraq. He moved to London in 1975 with his wife and one year old daughter. They wanted to own their own home so they decided to look at Milton Keynes because they could get the train here. They looked at Milton Keynes in the 1980s and decided to buy a house here.

His first impression of Milton Keynes was pleasant because there was less traffic and more greenery. But he and his wife originally intended to move back to London because they had to commute into London for work. Wamid now teaches languages part-time at The Point.

He has found that people are a lot more tolerant in Milton Keynes than they were in London, although London is a lot more diverse. Wamid found friends immediately in Milton Keynes and not only Arabs. He feels at home in Milton Keynes, he has lived here for thirty-five years and each time he goes abroad he is keen to return. His favourite place in Milton Keynes is the centre because that is where all the activities are.

Wamid does not miss anything from his country and has adapted fully to the British way of life. He sometimes misses the food but he can find it here now and sometimes misses speaking Arabic but he does have a couple of friends he can talk to in Arabic.

