

YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
DIGITAL DIVERSITY  
EXCHANGE PROJECT

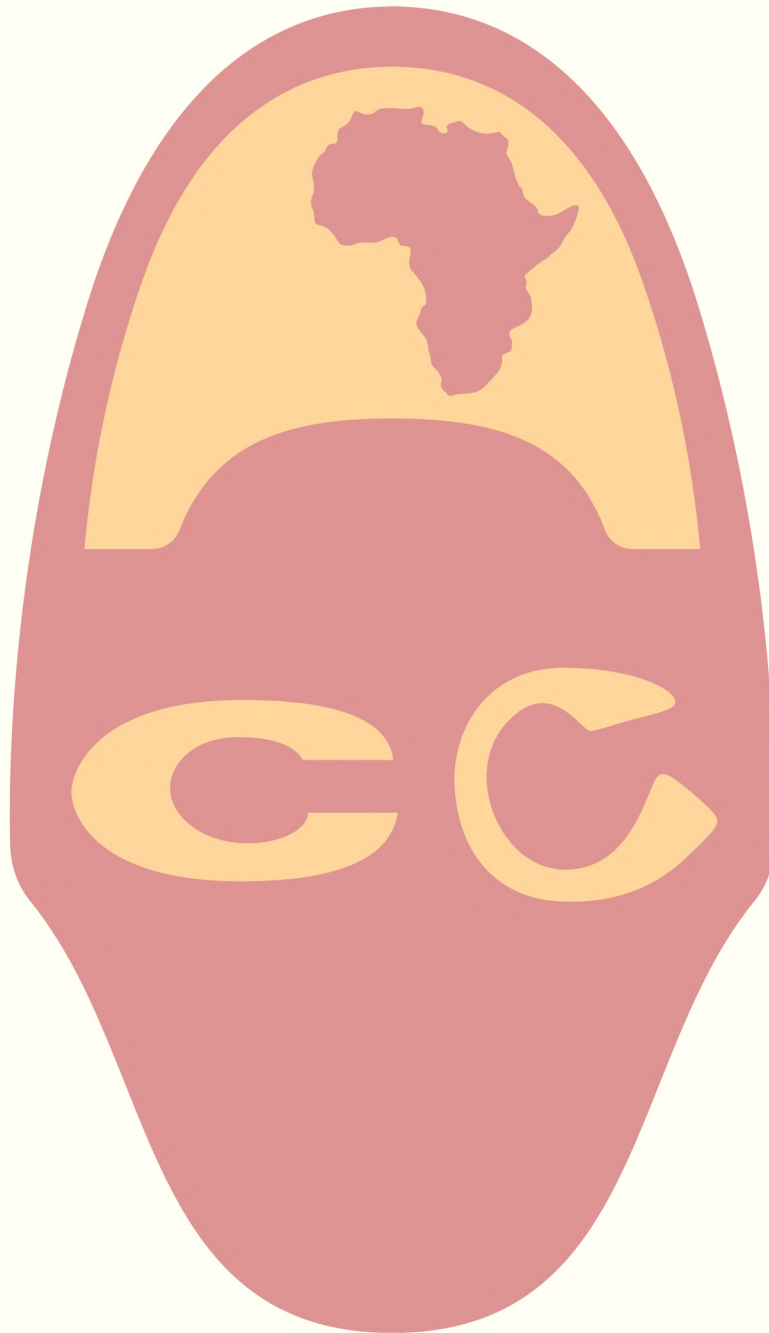


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# Welcome and Forward

Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I welcome you to the culmination of a remarkable journey - the documentation of the Young People's Digital Diversity Exchange Project. As the project manager, I am honoured to present this book, which stands as a testament to the vibrant tapestry of cultures and the rich diversity that thrives within Wales.

At its core, this project is a celebration of culture and heritage, curated through the lens of our young people. In an increasingly interconnected world, where digital platforms serve as bridges between communities, it is imperative that we embrace and cherish the diverse narratives that define us.

Wales, with its mandate to integrate Ethnic minorities contributions into the fabric of our wider communities and the introduction of Anti racism action plan, stands as a beacon of progress and inclusivity. This project embodies those mandates, seeking not only to recognize but to amplify the voices and experiences of those often underrepresented. Our mission extends beyond mere acknowledgment; it is about fostering understanding, promoting community cohesion by breaking down barriers.

By harnessing the creativity and insight of our youth, we have endeavoured to create a dynamic learning resource, one that will inspire, educate, and promote dialogue within schools and communities


Through this book, we invite you to embark on a journey of discovery, a journey that transcends borders and invites you to explore the rich mosaic of identities that contribute to the vibrancy of our nation. May it serve as a catalyst for conversations, reflections, and actions that propel us towards a more inclusive and harmonious future. Together, let us continue to champion diversity, nurture cultural understanding, and celebrate what defines us.

With warm regards

**Saheed Bashir,**  
**Project Manager**  
**Young People's Digital Diversity Exchange Project**




## INTRODUCTION

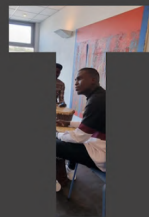
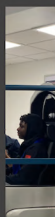
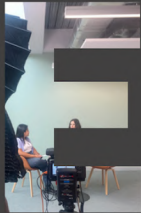


This project was introduced with the aim of exploring and celebrating culture and heritage through the lens of the young people in the society, particularly people from the ethnic minority as a tool to promote diversity and community cohesion

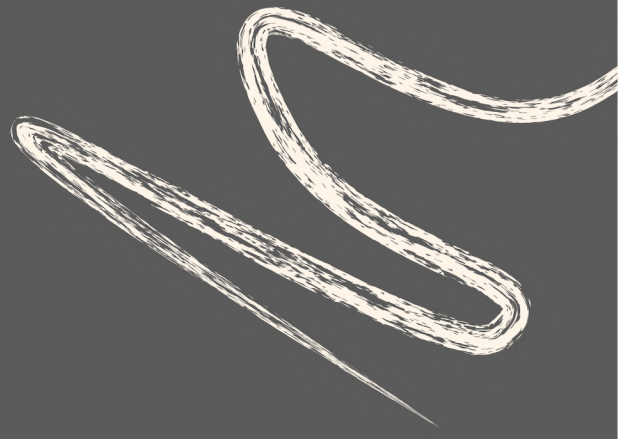
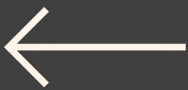


The project was led by young people, who came from a diverse range of backgrounds to learn and explore their cultural similarities and differences with the aim of understanding and educating themselves while developing a lasting sense of a wider community.





The enthusiasm sparked by our Windrush heritage projects and the Black Lives Matter movement has deeply impacted many young individuals. They are keen to share their stories, raise awareness, and eagerly seek to educate school children and families about their heritage and Black Welsh History. At the African Community Centre, we are dedicated to offering a platform for these ambitious and change-driven young people to engage in this significant heritage initiative.



# DIGITAL DIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROJECT

## INTERVIEW PROCESS

In the heart of the Digital Diversity Project lies a fundamental principle: the power of connection through shared experiences, fostered by mutual respect and understanding. As the project manager, overseeing the interview process was not just about collecting data. It was about cultivating an environment where young participants could authentically engage with each other, forging bonds that transcend the boundaries of cultural differences. From the outset, we recognised the importance of creating a space where every participant felt empowered and respected. We meticulously crafted the framework for the interview process, ensuring that every aspect from the selection of questions to the choice of interview format was designed with utmost sensitivity to privacy and comfort.

To kickstart the journey, we facilitated group activities that encouraged collaboration and camaraderie among the participants. Icebreakers and team-building exercises served as catalysts for forging connections, laying the groundwork for the deeper conversations that would follow. Through these activities, participants began to unravel the layers of preconceptions and stereotypes, fostering an environment of openness and acceptance.



Central to our approach was the idea of empowerment through agency. Recognising that each participant brings a unique perspective to the table, we empowered them to take the reins of the interview process. Rather than being subjected to external scrutiny, participants were given the opportunity to interview each other, an idea that emerged organically from within the group, fostering a sense of ownership over the storytelling process. In this collaborative setting, barriers were broken down.

What emerged was a tapestry of narratives, woven together by threads of resilience, identity, and belonging. Through the exchange of stories, participants discovered commonalities that transcended cultural boundaries, fostering a deeper sense of kinship and understanding. Moreover, the participant-driven approach to the interview process served as a bulwark against invasive inquiries and breaches of privacy. Every aspect of the process from the selection of interview partners to the nature of questions was carefully scrutinised and approved by the participants themselves.



Ultimately, the interview process of the Digital Diversity Project embodied the transformative power of human connection. Through collaboration, empathy, and mutual respect, participants transcended cultural divides, forging bonds that endure beyond the confines of the project. As we reflect on this journey, we are reminded of the profound impact that can be achieved when we approach diversity with openness, curiosity, and above all, empathy.



# Nathaly Buitrago

## What is your Ethnicity?

Latin-american

## Where did you grow up?

El salvador

## What is your Native language?

Spanish

## What are your hobbies?

Photography, art and dance.



## Tell us something unique/special about your culture

Gastronomy and specially **Pupusas** since they are really famous. They're on the first place of best typical dishes from Latin America



## In a few words, could you tell us something about yourself and your culture.

I'm a Salvadoran girl, that grew up in El salvador, and had to left due to El Salvador's level of violence. Now I live in Swansea as an asylum seeker. Since I came here to the United Kingdom I have dedicated my time to learn English, as I have never spoken it before and to study Photography, my passion.

## What aspect of your culture are you proud of?

Gastronomy and Archaeological sites of the **Mayan** culture

## Does your culture and heritage determine the friends you have?

Back in my country yes, but here I have friends from all around the word. Something that I didn't have before.





### **Have you ever felt any racial discrimination. if yes, could you share**

Unfortunately, yes. Especially when I was in school here and some other times, just people being rude towards me and my family for being Latin-American and having a Spanish accent when I speak.

### **Do you think if people understood your culture and heritage, they will understand you more?**

Yes

### **What do you like and dislike about living in Wales.**

I like that there is a lot of people from different countries and we can have meetings regularly to speak our mind without being afraid. I don't like that almost all the time is raining, but there is nothing I can do about it.

### **Who is your role model?**

My role model has always been my mom and Yousuf Karsh.

### **How do you feel being part of the Welsh community**

I feel grateful that I flew a long way and left my country to be here now. I think that the Welsh community is very special since it's made of many different ethnicities and cultures.

### **What is your message to the world on peace and unity?**

I hope that someday people would stop looking at skin colours to be kind to somebody. We're all the same since we are all humans, it doesn't matter what country are we from or what language we speak.

### **What have you learnt about other people's culture and heritage through our outings and engagements**

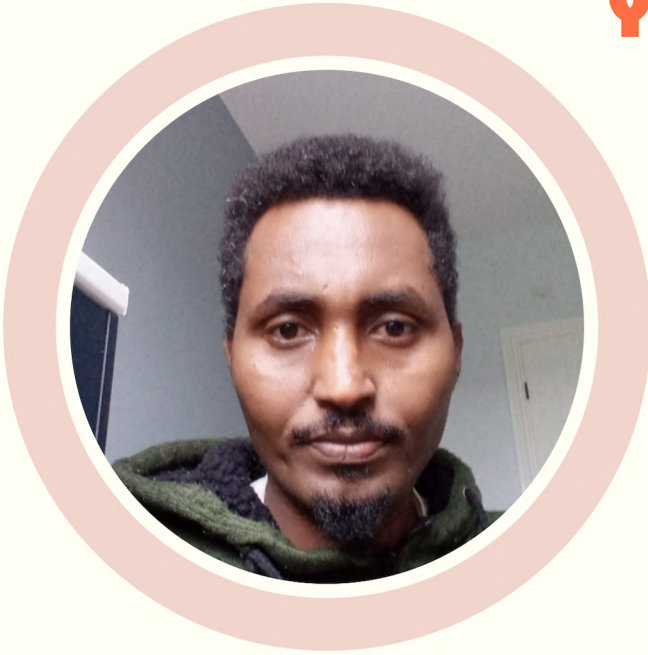
That we all have gone through a lot, and that we can learn from each other's to be even stronger than we are now

### **What is your favourite Welsh word**

Cynefin



# Yusuf Abdulsalam



## How many languages do they speak in Ethiopia?

In Ethiopia, we have more than 86 different languages. Some of them are not used anymore. There are also some that are on the verge of disappearance. But the one that is widely spoken currently are three languages **Amharic**, the national language, is a working language. And the others are Sakar the biggest one is a foreign Oromo and Tigrinya.

## What language are spoken within your family or community? And what role do they play in preserving your culture?

We have two languages. My mother tongue, which is Oromo and the other one is Amharic. We both, we speak both languages. And, our language carry a lot of things about my tribe that carries our culture, our norms, values, our belief and attitude for clothes, song, dances, everything is accumulated within our language.

## Can you introduce yourself?

My name is Yusuf Abdulsalam. I am originally from Ethiopia

## What's your Ethnicity?

My ethnicity is named **Oromo**. Oromo is one of the biggest tribe in the horn of Africa. Some of the Oromo clans are located in Kenya, near south Kenya, Somalia and Rwanda.

## What is your native language?

My native language is called **Afaan Oromo**. Literally, it means mouths of Oromo

## What are some cultural practices or customs from your heritage that you wish more people knew about or understood?

My culture puts a lot of importance on nature. For example, you cannot easily cut plant or cut trees and, everything that is created by our God, this includes vegetation, wild animals, the human of course is the most important of all this living things. So, we have different rules to respect and live in harmony. This helps our community to live peacefully with all different ethnicities.

This is something that I am proud and I want others to understand.

## So what cultural tradition or celebration do you take part in?

The biggest celebration takes place every year on September 17 and the celebration is called **Irrecha**. It is celebrated in the lake or the river. The main reason for this celebration is to, give respect and appreciation to the Lord. For what? For He gave us rain, grass because our tribes are, pastoralists. In the rainy season, a lot of clans, they separate from one another because the rivers are overflow. You can't cross from this village to this village. What I am talking now is about the lifestyle of my people.



## Do you think this people understood your culture and heritage, they will understand you more?

Definitely, If you know somebody's culture and values it helps establish a good communication, working together to cohabit with understanding. So, it's important to learn and to discover each and every person's culture.

## Can you share like a memory or history that is very significant for you in your heritage?

You know, as I told you, the 86 tribes within our country, they all have their own religion, their own attitude toward the world and their society. So does my tribe.

Before Islam and Christianity come to our country, my tribe used to have their own religion called **Kalu**.

## So how do you feel being part of the Welsh community?

First of all, when I come here, I said it's going to be very different. Different languages and country. I'm from Africa, you know, from Ethiopia. So, I might not understand the system, but give thanks to Almighty. Everything went very fine. And people are really friendly, very welcoming. I'm also very sociable, ready to learn, ready to exchange my culture and learn from wherever I am.





### **How has learning about each other cultures influenced your perspective on the world and enriched your life?**

It is a very important question, as a human being, we always learn from our childhood and all the way. Learning is an interactive process in life. So first you learn something from your parents and then from your neighbors, village, and then maybe you go to other village or towns, even the same people. There are differences. So, when I went to university, I met a lot of young people from different places, different in their culture, language and religion and attitude about the world. It really shaped me a lot. It, opened my eyes to see better. And, I was only limited in my village before or in the surrounding the community



# Omotola Bolarinde

## What is your Ethnicity?

I'm Nigerian, I identify as Yoruba

## Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Lagos, Nigeria. I lived there for 15 years before moving to the UK

## What is your Native language?

My native language is Yoruba, I grew up speaking Yoruba. English isn't really my first language, it's Yoruba that's what I grew up speaking in my household

## What are your hobbies?

My hobbies include reading and singing. I mostly enjoy reading and listening to music and practicing my singing voice. I enjoy reading fiction and fantasies. It's a really good way of me escaping the reality of things



## What languages are spoken in your household or community and what role does it have in preserving your culture

Yoruba, although not everyone in my family are able to speak the language but they understand, which is actually a thing between my mum and I because we are trying to raise my siblings to being able to speak and preserve the language. In terms of the community, we are in Wales and Welsh is the language here, for me it's an option whether or not I want to learn Welsh. So I'm not sure it actually affects me. Yoruba I speak at home and whoever is Nigerian and comes to Wales I'm able to communicate and speak the language with them



## How has your cultural background shaped your values and beliefs

For my culture its all about respect, respecting those who are older than you regardless of the age gap. It's something that's quite different in the Uk where you speak to someone older like you are speaking with your mate. In Nigeria its different because you have to add references to respect them, their age or their gender.



## Are there any unique art forms, music or dance that represents your cultural identity

As a Nigerian, we are generally known for our music. One of the artist "Burnaboy" has a song in the second black panther movie. It's really nice

## Does your culture and heritage determine the friends that you have

Absolutely not, I can be friends with anybody. Even in Nigeria we've got mixed cultures like the Yoruba, Igbo, Hausas and I've got friends from all ethnicities. As long as you are able to respect my views, my perspective and my culture. That's the only factor that determines the friends I have



## Can you share a story or memory that holds significance to your culture and heritage

In terms of festivals and events, we've got loads of them, like Christmas and Easter, I mean that's the typical western celebration but then we've got loads of other festivals that families and communities participate in we've got the Eyo festivals and the masquerade festivals



## **In what ways do you express your cultural identity with music, fashion or traditional clothing**

Yes I try to express myself in terms of fashion. My mum owned a store in Nigeria where she sold fabrics with African prints and it's always been a way to express myself, my mum included. Since I moved to the uk it's been a factor I would argue in terms of music I enjoy listening Afrobeats, singing and presenting in front of crowds as well.

## **Can you tell us how learning about each others cultures has influenced your perspective on the world and enriched your life**

Learning about other peoples culture has impacted my life because it's improved my view of seeing the world and everyone around me . So it's being able to respect everyone's culture and their beliefs and something I notice is majority of the cultures I've interacted with from different cultures have their beliefs based on men being at the top of the hierarchy and it's being able to respect that. It's the same in my culture too.

## **What do you like or dislike about living in wales**

Well, in wales it's much about the diversity and I just love how diverse wales has become since the first time I moved here. Because when we first moved, my family and I felt like outcasts and it made us feel uncomfortable. It's quiet compared to London or Lagos, you hardly see people and we love to go out.



## **Are there any local or traditional food that is significant in your culture and what do they mean to you?**

I've got 2 local dish that I really love there's Amala and Pounded yam both coming from my father's side which I really enjoy. The only ponded I eat is from my grandmothers and she lived in the village and owned a farm so all the ingredients are fresh and she makes it the local way and the vegetable soup is amazing



# DAVID UCHE

## What is your Ethnicity?

I'm from Nigeria. I'm African Black to be precise.

## What is your native language?

In Nigeria we have different languages. There are more than 125. I'm from Delta, and we speak Ika and some other languages, but I speak **Ika** language here

## Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Nigeria. I'm still growing up, so I grew up in Nigeria and moved to Birmingham for a little while and eventually came to Swansea.

## What are some cultural practices or customs from your heritage that you wish more people knew about or understood?

Our festivals, I don't know if you heard of this, but in Delta State there's something called **Union Festival** because in Nigeria or Delta state, most people are farmers, like competitive farmers. That's what they do for a living and it actually pays



## What are your hobbies?

I love gaming, I love biking, I love music, it just helps boost up my mood every time

## In a few words, can you tell us something about yourself and your culture?

Myself, I don't know much about myself. Still trying to figure it out, but I know that my culture has helped me develop and know who I am, where I come from, my father's background, my mother's background. The things I love and the things I dislike.. I love elderly people, taking care of them, respects, giving them respects they deserve





### **Tell us something special about your culture.**

We are the best Africans, we have the best African **palm wines**.

### **How do you feel being a part of the Welsh community?**

The community has a lot of fun facts. They have been so loving. They are very comfortable to live amongst. I feel like the Welsh people are like part of my circle home right now.

### **Do you have a role model?**

Yeah, I have a role model. He's a football player, his name is Lionel Messi

### **What do you like and dislike about living in Wales?**

There are a lot of things I love about Wales as I said, they are very lovely and everything, but just a few things I don't like, Vaping, you see a lot of young children vaping, and I'm like let them grow a lot older before vaping, but not from 16

### **So is there any favourite Welsh word you know**

No, not really. I'm still trying, I'm still getting to know Welsh words



# Tatiana Aguilar

## What is your Ethnicity?

Hispanic

## Where did you grow up?

El Salvador

## What is your Native language?

Spanish

## What are your hobbies?

I make jewellery but I also do paint and draw. I think I like to do creative stuff as a hobby



## Tell us something unique/special about your culture

Handicrafts made by people from my country as well as handbags, jewellery and clothes



## In a few words, could you tell us something about yourself and your culture.

I like my culture. its very colourful and happy

## What aspect of your culture are you proud of?

I think I can't choose between the handmade stuff and the food

## Does your culture and heritage determine the friends you have?

Yes it does, I find a bit difficult to talk with people with different cultures



**Have you ever felt any racial discrimination. if yes, could you share**

When the bus services were free for refugees many times they didn't allow me to use the bus services because "I am Salvadorian"

**Do you think if people understood your culture and heritage, they will understand you more?**

Yes



**What do you like and dislike about living in Wales.**

I love the landscapes and also the beautiful beaches but I don't like the weather

**Who is your role model?**

I don't have a role model but I'm proud of my mother

**How do you feel being part of the Welsh community**

Well I love the Welsh culture and that's one reason why I'm learning Welsh and as part of their community I feel comfortable and well understood

**What is your message to the world on peace and unity?**

I don't get the point of war and harassment, all of us are the same. We have to be united and help each other, it doesn't matter the skin colour, how much money or where are you from. Everyone deserves help and understanding.

**What have you learnt about other people's culture and heritage through our outings and engagements**

The way they share, love, think and also a bit of their language

**What is your favourite Welsh word**

Dw i'n hoffi dysgu Cymrae

# ALEX BUTRAGO

## Please introduce yourself

I'm Alex, I'm 21 years old and I'm from El Salvador.

## Could you explain Your Ethnicity

Actually I'm a Salvadorian but we have also **Maya** and **Banca**. And so many others but I can't remember right now at the moment

## What is your native language?

Spanish



## Where did you grow up?

More specifically in Santa Tecla. And I lived there for the most part of my life. And then two years ago, I moved it to Wales

## Is there, traditional food or dish or cuisine that are specialty in your culture?

Yes, we actually have a lot of typical food, But I think the most popular is the **Pupusa**

## Could you tell us about your hobbies?

Well, I have quite a lot. I like to play a little bit of games and also editing and movies. I like all the stuffs with cameras and just programs and also, I used to play volleyball.

## Does your culture and heritage determine the friends you have?

Yeah, I think so because I'm used to my culture. So when making friends I would like to them know my culture. When I know someone that is from my country or he knows about my culture, it's like it's better. It forges a stronger bond

## Where is the favourite place you like to visit back in El Salvador?

My favourite place to visit is El Coco Beach because it's really beautiful and it has a good view. And also, their waves. The Waves are amazing and the water is warm.

## What do you dislike about living in Wales?

Well, I don't dislike anything but the weather, in my country, I was used to tropical weather and here it rains 24/7, I would say 25/8, you never know the weather here; they might predict sunshine and good weather but you go out and it rains later, like in 5 minutes



## Can you tell us something unique about your culture or your traditions?

We do a lot of fireworks and Christmas parties, it's traditional. Like if you don't do like fireworks is like, where are you doing!! And also, well it's a bad thing but it's also about our culture, we never arrive on time. It's a bad thing, but it is also about how our culture is.



## How do you feel being a part of Welsh community?

I feel good. I feel comfortable with them. They are really kind. They support us. yeah. I feel really happy. it's a welcoming place

# Kevin Alexander Medina

## What is your Ethnicity?

Central American

## What is your native language?

My native language is Spanish.

## Where did you grow up?

I grew up in El Salvador, in a place called San Miguel

## Can you tell us something about yourself and your culture?

Well, I'm a shy person, but when I meet people and I feel comfortable with them, I'm a talkative. And about my culture, I think my people are really kind, friendly and they like to help others.

## Are there any local or traditional foods that are significant to your culture and what they mean to you?

There is one called **pupusas**, it's the traditional dish of my country

## What have you learned about other people's culture and heritage through this project and engagements?

I learnt that there are many people that have dreams and targets in their life.



## What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are listening to music, reading books, and spending time with friends

## Does your culture and heritage determine the friends you have?

No. It doesn't matter where my friends are from, as long as they are really good people



**What is your message to the world on peace and unity?**

Do not do to others what you do not like to be done to you

**What do you dislike about living in Wales?"**

I do not like the weather

**How do you feel being a part of Welsh community?**

I feel comfortable and I think it's a welcoming and kind community



**What is your favorite Welsh word?**

Well, my favourite Welsh word is Cymru because when I came to Wales, I pronounced it as simru but then I learnt how it is pronounced



# EVA Gjoka

## What is your Ethnicity?

Albanian

## What is your native language?

Albania

## Where did you grow up?

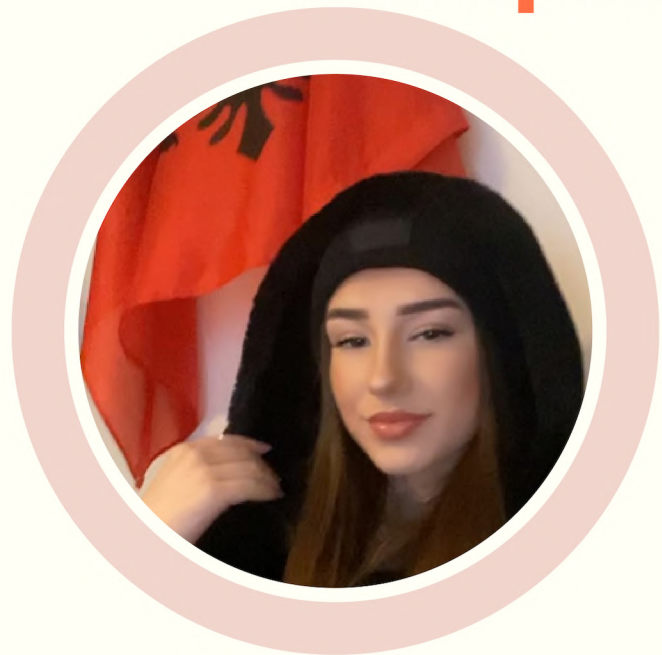
I've grown up three years in Greece and after that I went ten years in Albania and from Albay I just came here. I've been here for 2 years. Almost going for three.

## Does your culture and heritage determine the friends you have?

Some of them, yeah.

## If I go on holidays to Albania. Which place will you recommend to me?

I would recommend **Ksamil** because it's a very pretty place and almost everyone goes there. The water is so good and the hotels are very very good. And the food is so good too. They make so many good food.



## Describe the community from your country

They are such lovely people. If they see that you are in trouble, you can just ask them for help because they're going to help you. And if you are neighbours with them, they will come to you like every day to talk with you and offer you many traditional foods. Like they will make you to see how nice they are and not bad like others think.

## Can you tell me about yourself?

I like to help others a lot, but I don't expect help from others because I like just to help myself. I don't worry others about me. I want everything to be done by me. And I like to give a lot, to give love and to see others happy.





### Which one do you think is the best meal from your country?

I would suggest the traditional one. It's called **Flia**. I really love it and I am sure that you will, too. And our traditional drink is **Raki**.

### What aspect of your culture are you proud of?

We are called the Children of Eagles/ Land of Eagles and we respect any ethnicity , beliefs without judging anyone for anything

### where did you grow up? In the South?

The name is **Durres** Near the beach. The beach name is Plazhi and it's very nice



### Can you tell me about how you is the traditional dress of Albania?

Yes, it's a traditional one. And they are separated because Albania is separated in three parts, the south, north and the middle. They have different clothes, traditional ones. Well, I like three of them, and they are pretty cool. I don't know the name of it in English, but they are cool, and I will suggest you to see them if you're going to go there.

### How do you feel being part of the Welsh community

Good , I like the place and peoples there . They are so nice and talk alot

# John Bosco (JB)

## Introduce yourself

My cultural name is Oyekachi which means who is greater than God. I'm 16. I'm from Nigeria.

## How has your cultural background shaped your values and beliefs?

When you are brought up with certain costumes, it tends to just shape you.

## What is your native language?

Igbo



## Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Nigeria. Port Harcourt State

## Tell us something unique or special about your culture

Igbo people are industrious and entrepreneurs. Like most Igbo people are Industrious

## Does your culture and heritage determine the friends you have?

No, it doesn't



## What are your hobbies?

I like to play basketball, Football, I watch Anime

## Are there any unique art forms, music or dance styles that represent your cultural identity?

Yeah, Igbo's are known for drawing, drawing masks, like **creative artifacts** of masks and human figures.

## what cultural traditions or celebrations do you take part in and how do they bring your community together?

We do festivals, we do naming ceremonies which brings families and communities together



**Are there any local or traditional foods that are significant to your culture and what did they mean to you?**

Pounded **Yam** and Soup. The yam is very important in my culture as it represents sustainability of life."

**Who is your role model?**

Ja Morant, a basketball player

**How do you celebrate or honour important historical figures or events from your culture?**

Through festivals.

**What do you like and dislike about living in Wales?**

I like the weather but I don't like the fact that jobs are hard to get

**In what ways do you preserve cultural identity through fashion or traditional clothing?**

We wear a plain white shirt with red and gold designs on them. And any plain trousers. The red colour represents the pain that Igbo's have suffered to get to where they are

**How do you feel being a part of Welsh community?**

I feel good. I feel comfortable with them. They are, really kind. They support us. I feel really happy. It's a welcoming place

**What have you learned about other people's culture and heritage through this project and engagements?**

What they eat, How they dance

**What is your favorite Welsh word?**

Abertawe



# Elmy Martinez

**What is your Ethnicity?**

Garifuna

**Where did you grow up?**

Honduras

**What is your Native language?**

Spanish

**What are your hobbies?**

Photography, singing and playing basketball.



**In a few words, could you tell us something about yourself and your culture.**

I'm a Garifuna, Latin American lady. originally from St Vincent and left the Island to live in Central America.

**What aspect of your culture are you proud of?**

The music, our food and the people. We are friendly with everybody

**Does your culture and heritage determine the friends you have?**

No

**Tell us something unique/special about your culture**

The fact that we have our one language



**Have you ever felt any racial discrimination. if yes, could you share**

No.

**Do you think if people understood your culture and heritage, they will understand you more?**

Yes

**What do you like and dislike about living in Wales.**

What I like about Wales is how friendly the people is and the empathy of them. To be honest i dislike a bit the weather.

**Who is your role model?**

My best friend Solki Martinez

**How do you feel being part of the Welsh community**

Very supportive, I feel that the welsh people has received me with open arms and a lot of help

**What is your message to the world on peace and unity?**

I don't get the point of war and harassment, all of use are same. We have to be united and help each other, it doesn't matter the skin colour, how much money or where are you from. Everyone deserves help and understanding.

**What have you learnt about other people's culture and heritage through our outings and engagements**

I have been around people from many countries but mostly the Nigerian culture.

**What is your favourite Welsh word**

Bore da (the only one i know)

# Shua Yang

## What is your Ethnicity?

South Korean

## Where did you grow up?

Swansea

## What is your Native language?

English

## What are your hobbies?

I like to make Instagram reels and make vlogs to remember certain events in my life



## Tell us something unique/special about your culture

Korean language, lettering **hangul**, was created by a one of our kings so that those who couldn't afford the education to learn be able to read and write

## In a few words, could you tell us something about yourself and your culture.

Growing up in the UK I found it difficult to embrace the Korean side to myself but after learning the Korean language and the culture it has helped me to understand and respect other non Korean cultures too!

## What aspect of your culture are you proud of?

Fashion, music and tradition

## Does your culture and heritage determine the friends you have?

Yes, I guess so

**Have you ever felt any racial discrimination. if yes, could you share**

Of course many stories but I'd rather not share

**Do you think if people understood your culture and heritage, they will understand you more?**

Yes



**Who is your role model?**

My dad

**How do you feel being part of the Welsh community**

Feel more inclusive than before

**What is your message to the world on peace and unity?**

Let's learn to love each other, giving has more blessings than to receive





"Through the Digital Diversity Exchange, we've uncovered the vibrant tapestry of Welsh culture and heritage, as seen through the eyes of young people. From language to traditions, this project illuminates our shared humanity, reminding us that despite our differences, our commonalities bind us together in unity"

The project was led by young people, who came from a diverse range of backgrounds to learn and explore their cultural similarities and differences with the aim of understanding and educating themselves while developing a lasting sense of a wider community.



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# African

Community centre | Canolfan  
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Working together to break down barriers  
Cydwethio i chwalu rhwystrau

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