Cardiff Migration Stories

Jas

Jas lived in England when he first moved to the UK, but his father visited friends in Cardiff and liked it so much, he moved his family to Cardiff. They were one of the first Sikh families to come to Cardiff.

(How did you come to Cardiff?) "We came to Cardiff, in 1956 and we established the first ever Sikh temple in Cardiff on Ninian park road.

(Are there any special places you go?) "Yes, well since coming to Cardiff, I reopened this shop and by opening this shop, on the side, part time, I became a radio and television engineer. And then I used to work on the bench repairing televisions. I took time off to go to India and when I came back I couldn't find any employment in that same shop and people were offering me to go on the road, to go repair televisions in people's homes. The problem used to be that, if you went into people's homes, you couldn't repair the television, you had to pick it up yourself, if there was no one there to put it in the van and then bring it to the workshop. Then once it was repaired, you took it back again and if there was nobody there then you had to do this yourself.

I felt my back wasn't that strong so I gave up on the televisions and I became a social worker and after becoming a social worker I became a magistrate in the court and I did 20 years of being a magistrate.





