

I moved over here in 1982 with my children. They were 7, 5 and 1.5 years old. Two boys and one girl. Two more were born here. I have five children. Her dad was killed. He got cancer. Five years later after treatment, in 1987, he was dying. He was here in Bradford. It is very hard for her because we are from a tough family. Yeah. She has to take care of her own.

I'm a mother of four, that's all I did. That time was my difficult time. Yeah. Difficult time. I didn't know anything. I can't speak English, I don't know a road, where is town, what road, I can't think anything. Now my English is a little bit better. I did a course to speak English.

I came in 1973. At that time there weren't many Asian women. Just the men. Before I came, my husband brought the house. He worked at the textile mill. He liked what he did. After he finished his job in the mills, he opened his own restaurant. He worked 7am-8pm. He came in 1962. When I moved over I felt lonely and I cried all day. He goes to work, then what am I going to do? On my own. And that time I was lonely because I didn't have any children. And you know my sister-in-law, my husband's sister-in-law, she was with me. Then we two talk all day and work. They lived together. She had three children. I didn't go to school because I've been to school in Bangladesh. Just a little bit of learning in Bangladesh. Then after 1977 I went to ESOL class.

After 1972, Bangladesh and Pakistan separated. 1971 was independence for Bangladesh. Everything changed, weather changing, people changing, law changing. Everything in development. everything in the apartment. Yeah, now hard to keep up with it. We kept in contact with our family in our country with letters, no phone. We would send money back home.

English people were friendly, really friendly. They were good. I am happy now and healthy.

My husband worked in an old mill for 30, 40 years. That was Black and White England. Yeah, everything has changed in Bradford now. Every street, every road, every house. Everything. people need to change as well.