

Cardiff City Migration Stories

Anna



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"I was born in Cardiff, I grew up in Whitchurch. My whole family came from Cyprus and they were farmers before they went into hairdressing, so the family has been hairdressing for 66 years." There are many Constantinou hairdressing salons.



Anna's salon in Cardiff-courtesy of Anna Constantinou ©

(Asked about Greek traditions) "I think it's the food and everything, all the Greek food; meatballs, vine leaves, the macaroni and cheese, certain lamb, put a lamb in the oven and everything. I think we, you know, obviously we like to celebrate a lot, you know, any occasion we like to celebrate as a family and get together so that's still there really, we've always done that, get together since there's so many of us. If it's anyone's birthday we normally get together and see each other and stuff like that."

(Why did your parents come over?) "My dad came first, when he was younger. They told him it was a rich country. (Not much different from Cyprus?) "No but they told him that so he came to have a look, he came for a couple of years on his own and then he brought my mother back afterwards but when he came to work here, he worked in a place- Port Talbot and the guy that owned it let him stay a couple of years so he could open his own business. From that he got enough money and opened his own business (Was it hairdressing?) "Yeah, and that's how he started off, him and his brother opened the first one just in Canton and that was the very first one, all those years ago."



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