The University is Not the City

EXPRESS YOURSELF: Amsterdam

ADVANCED CONVERSATIONS - PERFORMANCES
Advanced conversations about LGBT+ disability, income & debt & race, colourism, gender & social class

LEARN ON THE MOVE: Birmingham

Advanced conversations about race, colourism, gender & social class

UK CENTRIC?

CONNECT, RESEARCH, WRITE, POST, CONTRIBUTE, CHALLENGE

TRAVEL BETWEEN 'BUBBLES'
SEE HOW OUR SENSE OF BELONGING & IDENTITY CHANGES

I can touch & feel the city as I ride around. It is romantic.
I am alive here! In the centre of everything.
The cycle paths, the changing colours of trees.
What a beautiful cathedral! Oh... slavery.
Racism is outside big cities.
Povener areas do not frighten me, thanks to my life experience.
The city is great if you love languages. I want to learn Spanish.
The city has been empty during lockdown.
I am not quite accepted. Don't fit the stereotype.
Indentured labourers from India... Indonesia enslaved... I have a wide perspective on my identity.
Reading has saved me throughout lockdowns.
We should be celebrating each others' festivals.
Fees exclude. Scholarships & Bursaries can be life changing.
The left want us to do more to address inequity, the right want us to do less.
I take what I want from both cultures.
Mental health was a big issue even before the pandemic.
The city is changing but who will benefit?

We need more investment for migrants from Syria, Turkey, Morocco & Ghana.
I love seeing the children playing in parks having lived in places with less freedom.
People make fun of Birmingham. This is classism.
The Windrush Scandal: Who 'belongs' here?
The middle-class 'Britishness' of the university can be alienating.
Netherlands is moving forward but the U.K. is moving backwards.
I was born in Hong Kong, colonisation wasn't all negative.
Homophobia in the chicken shop.
The stall owners know me, I buy ginger, garlic, onion, mangoes, Halal meat, chillies.
I 'get' cities. I know when to pick my battles.
Being mixed race means I can communicate. I love different races & communities.
Some places are not safe at night for women.

PLAY, LAUGH, EAT, DRINK

CONSIDER, REFLECT, ENGAGE, CHAT, LISTEN

The city is mine.

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