

Participating in the EXPLORING MY ROOTS THROUGH POETRY project was a fascinating and rewarding experience for me. I had the opportunity to talk to my mother who reminisced about her life in India – one of her favourite topics. It was wonderful to see her enthusiasm and passion. This allowed me to celebrate the traditional lifestyle of the people in India. It also increased the appreciation of my own lifestyle in Britain. This activity helped me to understand multi-culturalism. Above all, I discovered the hidden poet in me!

Hudaa Bax

We both spoke to our relatives about what life is like in India. They said that it is like all other places in general, but India has its own unique culture in terms of celebrations, food, and entertainment. Things have changed over the years as it has become more westernised, but the culture will always remain the same.

Hawwa Laher – Mariyah Waza

I was inspired to write the poem “Roots” during my visit to Alipore-Gujarat, India, reflecting on the journey made by those who came to England for a better life,

*A window through which my roots can be seen,
Onto a life that could have been.*

Ebrahim Daji

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