

## **LEICESTER VISITOR LUGGAGE TAG COMMENTS (We asked people to record where they had come from – targeted at Ugandan Asians and linked to map of Uganda)**

### **Basic lived in Uganda**

My name is Gita Meswania. I used to live in Kakira with my parents + siblings.  
We came in Oct 72.  
Now I live in London.  
Very good seeing this exhibition.

Our Nana is from Jinja. My Mummy and Nana went there to see it again in 2019!

Jinja is where my family are from.

I was born in 2016. My grandparents are from Uganda. I really like the exhibition.  
Love Maya Saujani.

From Uganda to Leicester.  
50 years on – a lifetime has gone.  
This is my home now.

I was born in Kampala and lived and went to school there.  
I lived with my dad, mum + 2 brothers on Bukoto Street.  
We had a great upbringing, but unfortunately the exodus changed everything.  
My dad was Pravin Rupprelia. My name is Bhouna Jobanputra.

My B.O. Vyas – was headmaster of Magwa School in Jinja. I am his son Neeray  
Vyas – Nij to many in an attempt to fit in + be accepted. In my heart I am Indian.

Amubhai Paul came in 1972 with wife + daughter Diuy and settled in Leicester +  
then had a son Ketan.  
Amubhai lived in Jinja + Soroh.  
Sadly passed away in 2016.

Mukund and Shanta Madlani from Kampala. Came with daughters Bindy, Minal and  
Sonal, in 1972.

We are the Mistry family from Kampala, now settled in Northampton.  
Our lives were turned upside down in 1972, but we are doing extremely well.

My grandad is from Uganda.  
Mili

My mum was one person who was part of this mass migration, along with her family.  
She's been back once since this event and she said it was just the same.

I lived in Masaka for 30 years and made many friends, but when Amin came in  
power everything in mess. Luckily, I came here before trouble started.

Shanti Kesler

My mother and grandparents were from Kampala.

His first time coming to a museum. He's half Indian and half Zambian. I'm half Indian and half Kenyan.

My dad's parents are from Kenya and India. My mum's mum and dad are from India.

My whole family is from India. I am going through a rough time.

UGANDA/BARUCH 2<sup>nd</sup> generation British Asians.

The Rangwallals + Dosajees born and bred in Africa/India.

Gave me a home here.

KENYA The Khalithis 4<sup>th</sup> generation British Asian. 'Home is where the heart is' in the words of my Dadi.

I had a fantastic trip to Uganda on a mission trip in 2002. Everyone was very welcoming and then we went to Kenya where again very welcoming and adopted me into their family.

I am born in the Netherlands and because of the racial abuse I suffered because I have a turban and I am a sikh we moved to live in England. Racism is way lower here than in the Netherlands but it still happens.

Expelled from Uganda, we arrived from Arua to Leicester when I was 6 months old. Thank you for documenting the history of my community in Uganda. Praned Mdjana (Pinner, London).

Shobna and Vinod Badiana. Arrived UK 1972. Now in London.

My family came from Uganda. We were born in Leicester. Nish, Praveena & Maya

My Nany and Nana were born in Uganda.

My mum and dad were Ugandan immigrants. Thank you for the warm welcome.

Mansur and Bilkish Abdulhosein came from Masindi in Uganda to Leicester with my at the time 2 year old dad.

My mother and her family lived in Uganda and came from Entebbe. They did not have much but lived a happy and peaceful life. Mehul Pancholi.

My family originated from India and went to live in Uganda and Kenja before being forced to move to the UK.

"Jai Jalaram Bapa"

Karsandas Madhavji & Maniben Karsandas, Chandulal Karsandas I Indira  
Chandulal, Jamel (Sejal), Nisha, Snalia & AArtu Thobhani  
Soroti, Uganda  
1972 Leicester

I was adopted by my family. We lived in Kabale.  
V. happy memories.  
Read my memoir by Bharti Ahir.

I am Dinesh Jansari with my wife Shashikala Jansari and our son Neeraj Jansari.  
We arrived from Uganda in December 1971. I was 26 years, my wife 24 years and  
our son only 3 years old. Since then we have called Leicester our home. 21/12/1971

My grandad and my mom come from Jinja.

Jambo. Lovely memories of Uganda. Very good exhibition.  
From Pravin, Kala, Dinu, Asmita, Vasnni & Rai Hatha

My parents were from Mbale. They always spoke of a good life there.

We lived in Toraro, Uganda.  
My grandad had a cycle business and my dad was a bank manager.  
We came to England in Oct 72.

Born in Jinja and moved to Kampala where I did my schooling.  
Came to Leicester at the age of 17.  
Arina Bhayani & Kash (born in Uganda. 7 years old when he left.

My grandma was kicked out of Uganda but now she is fine.

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Thank you for documenting the history of my community in Uganda.  
Praned Mdjana (Pinner, London).  
We didn't send any photos in because our dad's were always scruffy.  
They owned a shop.

My grandparents are from Jinja and Kampala.

My father worked in a cotton mill not far from Gulu. This is where I went to primary  
school. Our secondary education was in a boarding school in Mbale.  
Bhupendra Parmar.

## **Miss Uganda - memories**

Missing my home village. Would love to go back.  
Dil

Miss the life in Uganda.

Great memories of Uganda. Miss it dearly.  
Shenazz

My heart will always belong in Uganda.  
Rupal.

Uganda will always be my first home.  
Pradeep Popat.

My wish to be back there with my whole family.

Walking to school barefoot.  
Beautiful weather and nice food.

The sun shining. Playing outside.  
Laughter, friends, family.  
Nisha Popat.

I remember riding my bike in the local market when all the traders went home.  
Dilip, Kisiba (Masaka).

Love Jinja.  
Miss childhood places.  
Never forget the mango trees. They were everywhere. Played under the trees and ate lots of them.  
We lived in Jinja – my dad and Ba, two brothers and seven sisters. We were all happy. Still dream about the places I lived – in India and now in London, but best and favourite was Jinja. Lakola School, the temples we went to and so many other places.

We were from Jinja. I remember the heat and the red soil. I was six when expelled. I remember soldiers at the airport with guns.  
Naushad A.K. Majothi.

I had a grocery store in Uganda called 'Economy Fruit House on Kampala Road.  
I went to Norman Goodino School.  
I miss Uganda.  
Norjahan

My grandad is from Uganda and he has lots of memories from his time there.  
Maya

I was just about six years old when my family came over from Uganda. Whilst I have no memories of life there, my parents still talk about their good life.  
Minal Karha 9 July 2022.

Just came back from Uganda. Even after 50 years it brought back a lot of memories.  
Anju Siraj.

## **In memory of/honour of**

In memory of Ashok Kotecha  
1946 – 2021

Grateful for my dad and grandparents' arrival. It gave me so many opportunities and a bright future to look forward to.  
Shayna

My father Shantilal Hirji Nathwani settled in Masindi. We were educated in Icololo, Kampala. My grandma, 7 siblings, fantastic lifestyle.  
In memory of our dear dad.

My Grandparents moved from Buhari, India to Kampala, Uganda. Both sets of grandparents. Both my parents were born in Kampala.  
Forever grateful to them all.

My mother is Ugandan Asian.  
I am so proud and privileged that my family came through these traumas and hardships to give us the amazing lives we have today.  
Forever grateful and proud of my heritage.  
Saarah Amilah, York, age 29.

To the resilience of our parents and grandparents.  
We hope to always honour + make you proud.

Remembering Mr Mousaka at Avery Hill College 1971-74.

Remembering Harsha Bhaly and family – Northend School, Eroth 1975-1979.

Salbabar Swami saved us in Uganda. Because of him we came still alive.

My family migrated from Kampala. We are grateful for the sacrifices our family made.  
Mon and Talesha 17/10/22

Our grandparents and dad left Uganda 55 years ago, leaving behind their home, friends and whole life for a better future for their family.  
We are proud of you.  
Karavadra

My memory of my Uganda friend.

Pearl-Ashtami Shah. I'm grateful for my family and friends. 05/10/22

My Nana was from Mbale and he came to the UK before.  
I has almost been a year since he passed away. 5/10/22

Our dad was from Masaka. He was 5 years old when he had to leave his home. He, his sisters and his parents went to Leicester and then went to Calgary. It was good because he met my mum but it was also really difficult for his family. He tells us, now,

to always look for the good side of things. My dad went through so much, and I'm glad he found a real home.

## **Response to Exhibition**

What a story!  
What a team!  
What a triumph!!!  
Thank you Navrang!!

This Uganda 50 exhibition is such an emotional 50 year journey for us. It encapsulates my life journey.  
Thank you.  
Ranjan.

Amazing stories. Heartbreaking but also proud of all who moved and survived and changed lives for the better.  
Sejal

Thank you for all your efforts. It's wonderful.

A wonderful experience and thanks for the memories as a Ugandan Asian.  
Sanjay

Very nice exhibition. Enjoyed it. Brought all the memories back.  
Darshi Bhasin

30 July 2022 from Shamini, York.  
My family and I are on the Leicester Uganda 50 Tour this weekend.  
This exhibition is excellent! So thought-provoking and an emotional journey to go through the exhibition.  
Thank you.

Amazing to see a background of the lost Asian history and our journey to the UK>

I am so proud to be British Asian and the descendant of Ugandan and Kenyan Asians.  
Karita Dattani 25/08/22

Amazing exhibition. Thank you for your hard work. We're from Suffolk, originally from Kampala, Uganda.

Very moving experience. I'm Danish and my parents escaped from Uganda/Amin as well.  
Terrible history!!

In loving memory of my grandad. Thank you for all your sacrifices.

My mum, brothers and sister were from Uganda and lived there with my father until 1971. I was born in the UK.

I loved hearing stories of life in Uganda from my mum, dad and extended family. I wished to know more and share experiences, the good ones anyway. This exhibition has done exactly that.  
Thanks.  
Guilpa.

I was born in England and so were my parents. However, my grandparents were the first generation of migrants from Pakistan. Multi-cultural communities forever.

The resilience of the Ugandan Asian community is truly remarkable. A lesson for all.

Life might be difficult at the moment but let's push through with the help of our loved ones.

Let's believe in each other and fight together.

## **Current refugees**

I feel sorry for anyone who has to leave their home due to dictators.