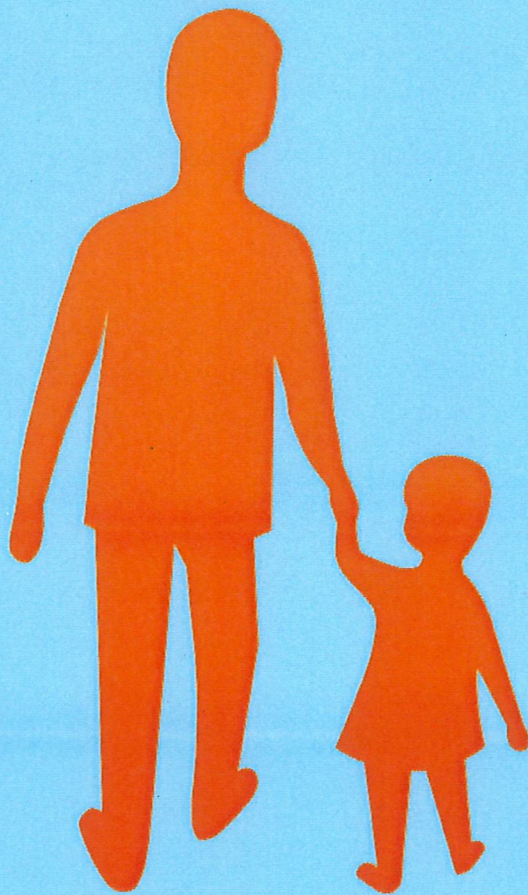


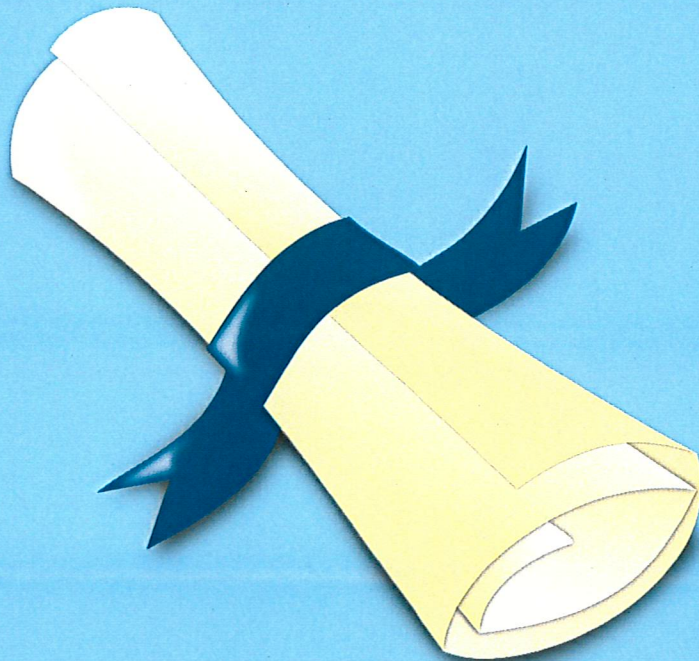


**My name is Amina.
I was born in 1964 in
Bangladesh.
I came to the UK in 1982.
This is my journey from back
home to the UK.**

I became very close to my dad when I was 10. He was very caring, loving and encouraging. His family was very important to him.



I was very pleased with my GCSE grades. I had overall B grade. My dad was very proud of me. I came second in my school.



This is my last day with my family
before I got married & left them.
I got married & came England at age
of 18.



Coming to the UK, I had to face a
lots of difficulties.

I have to learn English language.

It was a different environment.

I had more responsibilities as I lived
with my in-laws for the first 6 years.

The cold weather!



My in-laws owned a factory.
I worked long days at the factory.
I have learnt to use so many
different machines.



I couldn't learn to speak English for a
few years due to being stuck working
in the factory.

When I got pregnant, I started working at home. I was still living with my in-laws.



I moved to my own house after
6 years. I had two daughters by
that time.



I got my British nationality
after 3 years. It was easier
then.



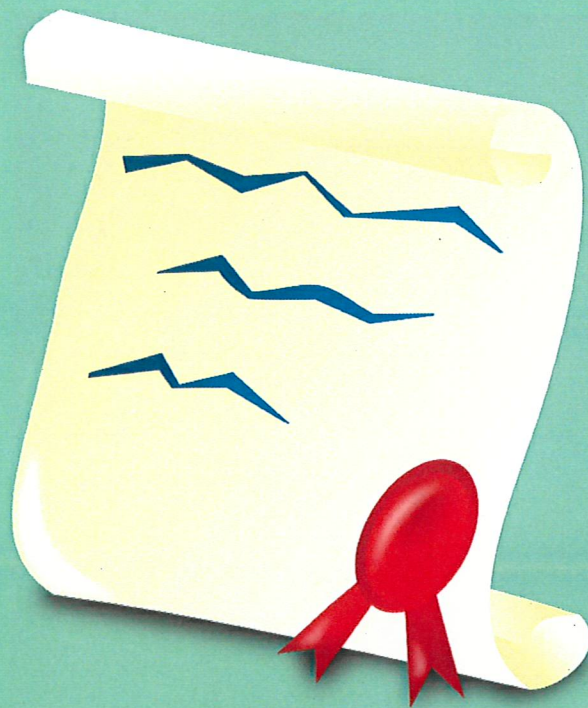
The factory closed when we moved to our own house. There were a lots of financial issues. I was pregnant with my third child. My husband wasn't taking his responsibilities and our relationship issues started.



I was looking for work.
I had a terrible pregnancy.
But I started to meet people
outside. I started learning English
and took short courses.



I started to develop my career.
My first job was a crèche worker,
then I developed further and
became a community worker.
Later, in 1994, I completed my
first recognised qualification.
I was nationally qualified youth
and community worker.



I had more and more
relationship issues with my
husband.

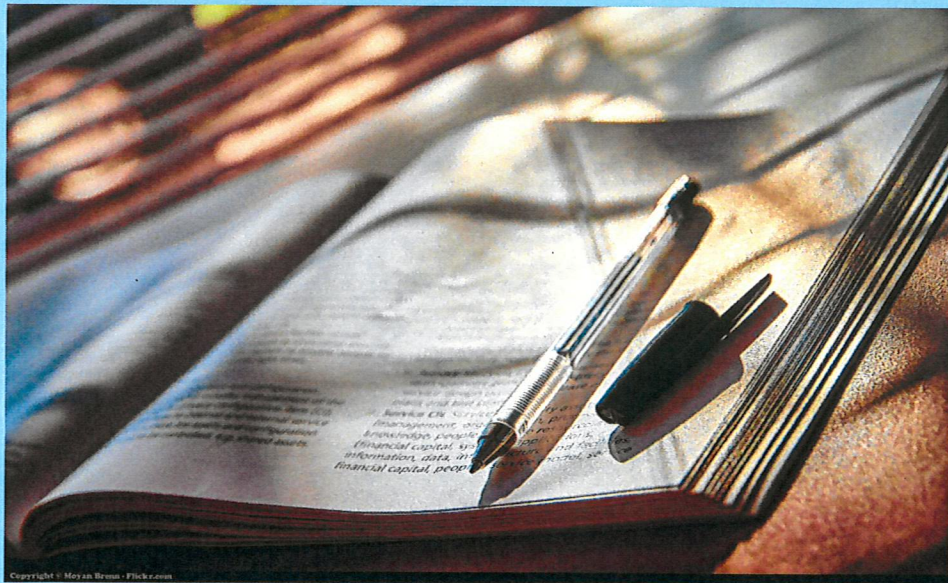
I had three children and had to
manage on my own most of
the time. He was taking less
and less responsibility.



I separated from my husband a few times. I was living my own with three children. I focussed myself on my three children more.

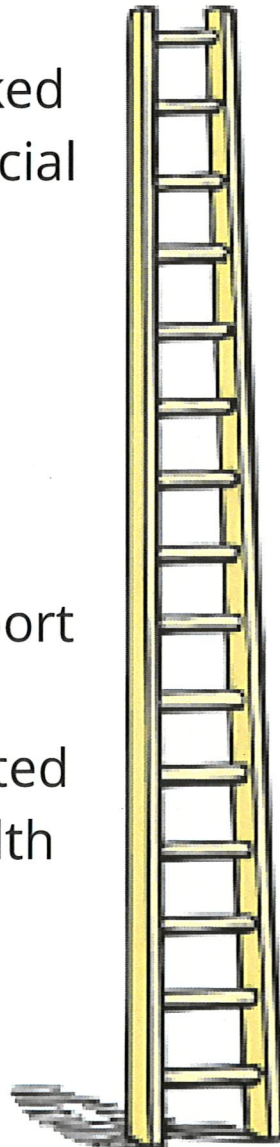


My career development continued. I studied at college while my kids were in the crèche.



I completed my NVQ Level 3 teacher training and development and worked as a casual bilingual social care worker.

I became a family support worker. This was a full time job. I also completed my NVQ Level 3 in Health and Social Care.



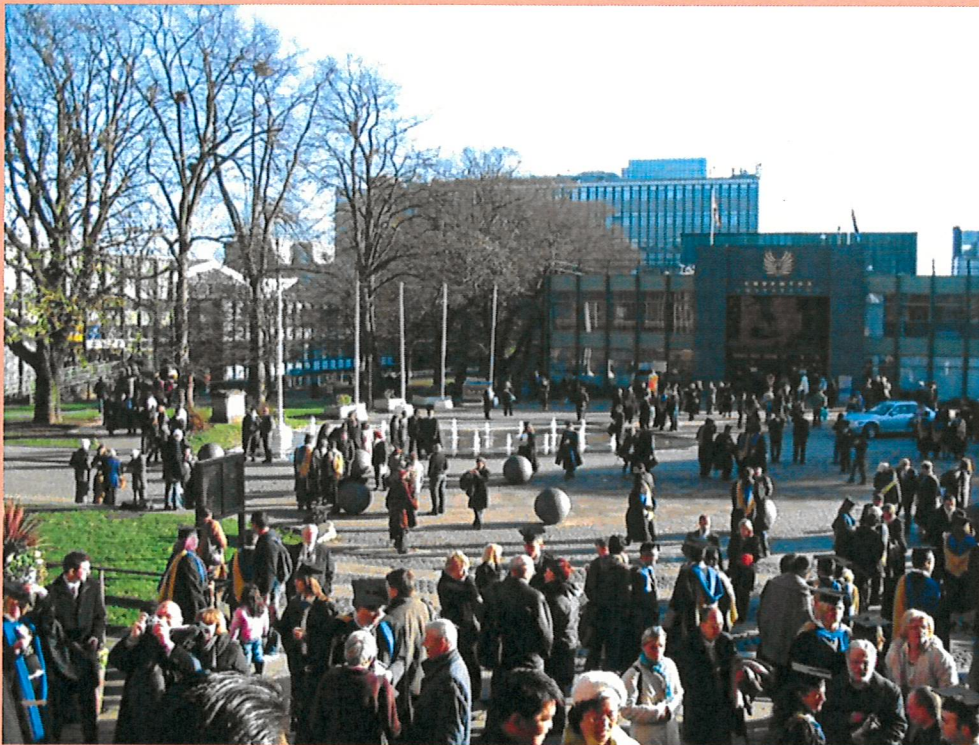
My first friend was a colleague who became a very close friend. Later, she helped me a lot with my career and confidence building. She made me believe that I am a skilled person and I can achieve better.

We have known each other for over 20 years now. She is more than a sister to me. We live in different towns and don't get the chance to see each other regularly. But I know if I need her, she will always be there for me.

She is a big part of my life.
My best friend!



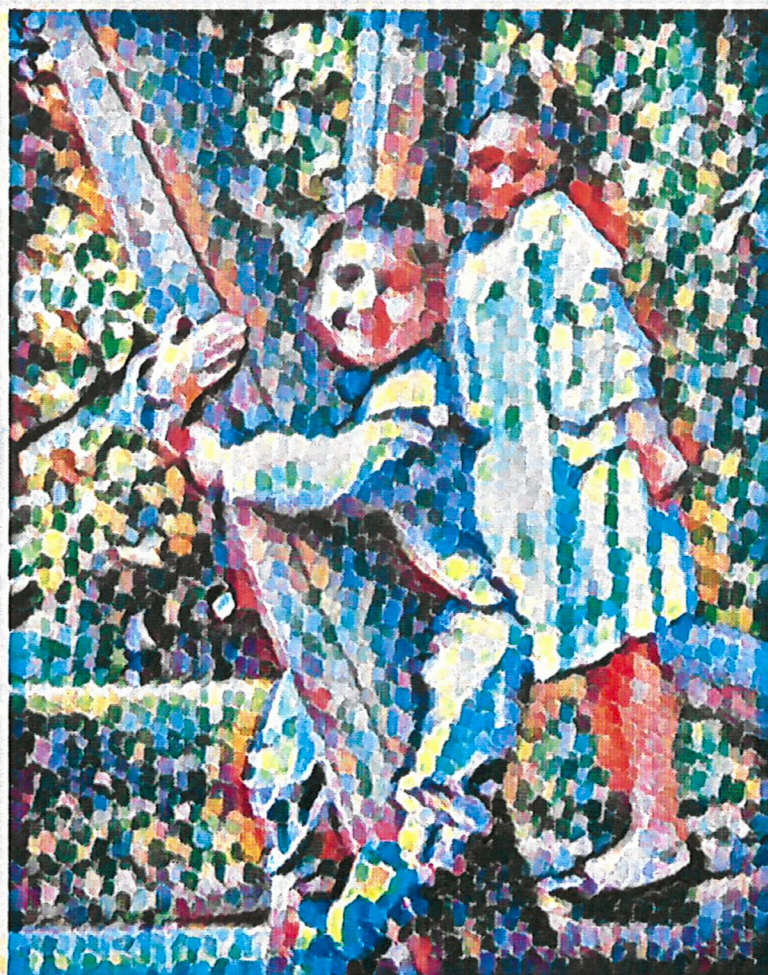
She also supported my children;
she took them to university
open days.



At present, I am living with my two children. Both have graduated and have done well.



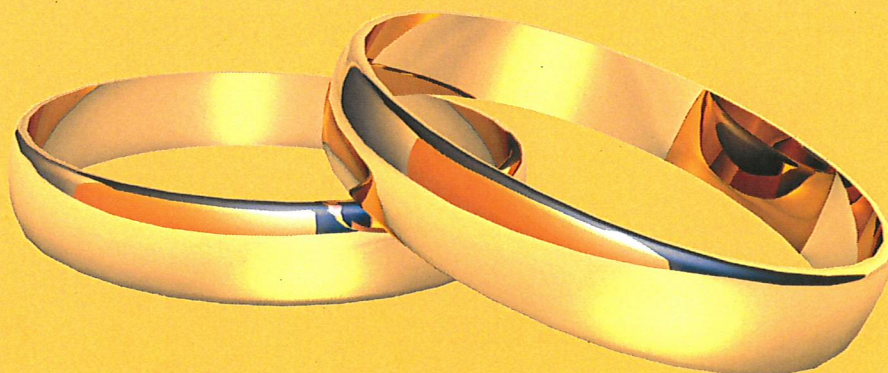
My eldest daughter is married
and I have two grandchildren.



I work part time on two projects.
I want to continue to work part
time in the future because I like
helping others.



I would love to see my other
two children married soon. I
would like grandchildren
from all my children!



My dad was my role model
He was a big part of my life
He was my strength & courage
He passed away last year.
I still miss him every day.
I feel lost without him.





Created as part of 'Graphic Lives: telling Bangladeshi migrant women's stories through graphic narratives'.

In 2017, women from the British Bangladeshi community in Hyde explored their own life stories and the history of their communities through life history, cross-cultural storytelling and digital skills, as well as visits to museums and galleries. They then created digital comics using photographs, drawings and text.

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