

George

My name is George, my object is a mobile phone and I'm 18 years old born in this country. By the way I was brought up my parents are very Greek and very traditional so I see myself as a Greek person before an English person. I see the English language as a second language not the other way around as most people might see it. I'd say about 90% of my social group is all Greek people there's not many that aren't. At University obviously there's a lot of English people but most of my friends are Greek outside, in my personal life. I don't really like to mix with other races all that much, it's because I feel Greek really, and I mix with my own kind that's good. Yeah I do have English friends, it's not that I don't, it's just that most of them are mostly Greek. I might have an English mate that comes over occasionally but nine times out of ten will be Greek.

Well the Greek culture is more of your kind so you can relate to them better, most of our parents are refugees from Cyprus and we're connected in that kind of way. Where as with the English people this is their homeland this is where they were born, it is not foreign where they have emigrated to.

Greek is more of a loose hospitality compared to English people. If you had an English person to go around to their house you'd have to phone them to check it first, but with Greek people I find that it's more casual. You can just stop by if you're driving by, it's not rude.

I've lived in Haringey all my life. It was a Greek community and now it's not as much of a Greek community as it was. All the Greeks are moving up to Southgate and Barnet, so I would like to move on but having said that I've lived here all my life and it's a bit hard because I know it very well .

I'm very used to the life over here and in Cyprus, I can't describe it, it's just I don't think I'd like it because everyone's total Greek, they don't see you as a Greek from Cyprus. They see you as someone who has betrayed their country as it were because they think they take the mickey by calling you a 'Charlie' or something like that. I don't know why they do it I just think it's very childish and it's not a nice environment to work in. You can't win - if you're in Cyprus they don't see you as Greek and over here they see you as a foreigner because you're not English, so you can't really win really. Well most of the English, like people of our age see us as English from this country so I think we'd fit in more at home here than there. So moving to Cyprus might not be a good idea. You're here now and you know the country, you know the people. I'm not saying that I don't know the people in Cyprus just it's a completely different atmosphere. Okay Some people might mistake me for the Turkish but they either say Turkish or Greek but most the time it's Greek. I'm recognised as foreign.