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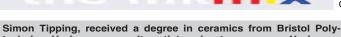
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technic. He is a community artist and entrepreneur. He is currently the director and project manager for Festive Road, a carnival arts company in Milton Keynes.

You can watch a more indepth version of Simon's interview by going to www.themkmix.com and clicking on MKMIX TV.

Connecting...the dots

#### Why did you come to Milton Keynes?

I came to MK as a stop gap between college and trying to find my feet on a career path and never escaped. I came to MK as I had family here. MK is a funny place it can be a land of opportunity if you want it to be and I have made it so.

#### What's the most striking difference you've found between MK and the place where you've lived the longest?

Trees - When I have friends come to visit from other countries they nearly always say 'where are all the people' because as you travel through MK all you see is avenues of trees.

### Please tell us about all the ways in which you are involved in MK life

I work across a broad spectrum which include Milton Keynes council and parish councils, Third Sector and social enterprises, schools and community groups.

## How easy have you found it to settle here?

It is and it isn't, when I lived here I did not know my next door Neighbour but there are loads of networking groups and community gatherings out there that if you get out there it's easy to make friends. My life is in MK now.

# How far have you spread your net?.

My work with Festive Road takes me from one side of MK to the other. There are plenty of networking opportunities and agencies out there to make what we do work.

Yes I get frustrated as MK is not as open minded as when I first came to MK nearly 30 years ago. But MK for me has been a good training ground and I have used the skills I've learned for the work I do in Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

## Are you planning to stay in MK for a fixed time for work or family?

I live from day to day enjoying working with the community and can not see myself moving away from MK.

If someone who had never been to MK before was considering moving here to make a new life, what's the best piece of advice you could give them?

Just do it

You're probably aware that MK has a mixed reputation in the rest of the UK because it's so new and so different - people say it's too bland, or too American, or too manufactured. What would you say to people who can't find anything good to say about the city?

MK has the same problems as any other Town or City and like anyone else I could sit on my ass and complain about what's not happening but as an advocate for MK and all the great organisations I'm up on my feet shouting from the tops of trees about how good it is.

What do you see as the future of Milton Keynes? Bright

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