



Traditional African fabric patterns



Garland Welcoming Project



As part of the exhibition 'Rebuilding Lives: 50 years of Ugandan Asians in Loughborough', we are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the expulsion of Asian people from Uganda in 1972 by President Idi Amin. 27,000 people arrived in the UK and, specifically, over 500 settled here in Loughborough. The garland is one way to say welcome and we invite you to create your own! We will then add it to our Community Welcome Wall at Charnwood Museum.

What is your first memory of Loughborough?

What is it about Loughborough that makes you feel welcome?

How would you or have you made someone feel welcome to Loughborough?

Garland Instructions

(use the templates or create your own)

Garlands are used as symbols to celebrate and welcome. Let's continue this tradition.

Cut out the shapes below and use as templates to draw round on maps, magazines and travel brochure papers.

Cut two of each shape, overlap the floral shapes and attach together in the centre with glue.

Alternatively a button can be stitched onto the centre holding the layers together.

Attach your flower/s to string/ribbon and bring your garland to Charnwood Museum to add to the exhibition's growing collection.

To find out more, see the amazing garlands local people have made or to share this project please visit - <https://www.cultureleicestershire.co.uk/projects/garlands/>

