

# Comfort, celebration and loss: contrasting narratives of diversification in a newly diverse area and their implications for intergroup relations

## Slide 1

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## Slide 2

- While teachers were very positive about the school's multiculturalism, some English parents were unhappy about changes that diversity had brought to the school.
- → Wanted to understand perspective of host country members living in diverse areas

## Slide 3

- Last 20 years: Immigration from range of countries
- Now over 25% of residents are of ethnic minority backgrounds - Polish largest minority.

## Slide 4

- F&C: changes to local area make it more like home for many migrant participants; places to speak Polish and to buy Polish food.
- CoD: Positive view of multiculturalism
- A&L: Corollary of first narrative. As the local area becomes more like home for many migrants, it is experienced as less like home for some non-migrants. This viewpoint was expressed most strongly with respect to shops.

## Slide 5

- Alienation and loss narrative related to wider experience of living in a disadvantaged area.
- Particularly clear with shops: narrative implies that Polish shops caused previous shops to close, but in fact they closed already, as a result of wider social changes.
- Important to understand the experiences of non-migrants in diverse areas: critical role in integration.

## Slide 6

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