

## **My view towards Birmingham UK and Design**

I love how people in UK appreciate art so much. People tend to have a great taste in design. They love simplicity and efficiency, especially in how people think in how to spend their time. People tend to be self-focus in a good way, which brings out the best version of one-self.

People focus in quality than quantity, creativity than only visual beauty, people try to understand the content (what's inside) and meaning of an artwork.

People seem to appreciate arts that are Imperfectly perfect, genuine original works, true, handmade, and what people could relate to.

People judge less, they focus on themselves, the negative part of this is they are more individualistic compared to Asians.

They respect one another, artist, small workers, the social gap doesn't feel too huge.

People has their own pride towards their country.

People's conversation tends to be deeper and has more value and importance.

I also found out despite the food's price, some people still take foods for granted, I saw many remaining foods on the plates in the university's cafeteria, but this one is actually depending on the people themselves.

I also learn how to quickly adapt to new environments, and following different cultures,

it opens my mind,

from my personal experience, in one month time we're going to start being used to living in Birmingham.

in 2 months time, we're going to be used to the buses route you could take, the super fast and tall escalator in London's underground, and how we should cook our own meal (to minimize the expense of the costly outside foods).

In UK, things that happened to me doesn't always run smoothly, English people (immigrants included) are not always having fun. They hustle hard, they are work-centered. They are fast in service, they value the customers a lot, everyone should get the best service they could give. The toilets are always clean and everything feels so human (I suppose this is the reason why it's indeed one of the most humanist country in the world)

It feels like most of them got a decent life quality everyone could enjoy. But still there are some homeless young people on the street. Those who seem to be lost. The culture is different; some are even felt illegal seen by eastern cultures.

People stay in booze even in the day time. (they drink so much alcohol). Of course, this leads up to a more dangerous environment, people should remember to be careful when they're walking alone after 6 PM.

There's still a bit subtle racism viewpoint which classify royal blood, English people, immigrants, and many others. Even students with immigrant's family background who were born in UK still being judged differently by the white English people. And people still exaggerate Muslim's bad influences to the world, in the crime sector in particular.

Birmingham City University, is a really high quality and technology university with high standards. They have complete facility and the staffs are extremely welcoming. There are so many international students in the university.

The teachers try so hard to keep the attention of the students, if they're not interested, they are free to go. We only got 2-3 lectures every week, which allow and gave us some time to do the works we need to finish.

I gained my confidence knowing I did my best in Birmingham, despite everything that happened. I am proud every time I am in control of myself.

I learn how we should be confident and powerful while giving presentation and approaching other people.

I saw how the students who came from China, struggled with the English language, I feel like I saw 'my another version of me' in them while I was studying in Taiwan. This made me realize it's normal for us to feel lost for the reason we haven't mastered the language yet, it's going to be a struggle for us to follow through, but it doesn't mean it's not possible for them (and for me) to graduate. We're just going to missed several opportunities and sacrificed our time for something else. I also realized, no matter what we do, we're still going to sacrifice something, every decision we've made, each has their own consequences.

Still, I believe like I learn more, experience more, and feel more alive when I was in UK.

I did everything without being forced doing it. I found myself getting to know myself more in many ways. I became self-aware and realized about how important culture-awareness is.

I came to a realization I am the one who controls my own life, I choose who I want to be, where I want to be, and what to focus on.

I am highly recommending Taiwanese students to be a part of an exchange program to UK.