

## **We all belong in Durham - Video Transcript**

Zinnia: Hello, my name is Zinnia. Immigrants enrich our culture and strengthen our economy.

Titi: Hello, my name is Titi Katibi. I am so talented, I bring a lot to the table, and I am brave to have moved from my country into a new world, and I'm thriving in it.

Vilma: Hello, my name is Velma Oliveros. Durham Region is a place where people feel they can belong.

Azhar: Hello my name is Azhar Khan. I feel that Durham, everyone respects everyone's religion. We all live together.

Jillian: Hello, my name is Jillian. When I moved here, it was very easy for me to just be me. I didn't have to pretend to change who I was to fit in neither did my kids.

Azhar: Durham is close to my heart, whenever I travel, and back to Durham, I feel it's home.

Shaily: Hello, my name is Shaily Srivastava. Moving to a new place does not come without challenges. So, I had a great career back there and a lot of experience. When I moved to Canada, I started with zero.

Vilma: It took some time for us to get adjusted to speaking a new language all the time.

Titi: Not necessarily being sure of whether you'll get the job you love.

Vilma: I don't think we've had a break, like, to be honest.

Shaily: We arrived in winter, so you hardly see anyone outside. It brings a lot of loneliness for somebody who's staying home.

Titi: It's been challenging but I would say I would do it again.

Sheik: Hello, my name is Sheik Hoque. Today I can probably say that I made a good decision. Durham Region is a place where immigrants can come and live their dream.

Titi: I know I'm thriving, and it can only get better from here.

Jillian: We're so happy to be a part of this community and be able to build it.

Azhar: We are entrepreneurs.

Zinnia: We are public servants.

Jillian: We are women in technology.

Titi: We are friendly.

Shaily: We all deserve a seat at the table.

Sheik: We should except everyone for who they are.

Vilma: We are Durham.

Shaily: Visit [durham.ca/OurHome](http://durham.ca/OurHome) for more information.