Romane Ethan The Windrush Generation

E: Hello and welcome to our presentation about Windrush Generation.

R: So today we are going to explain you what is the Windrush Generation.

E: Romane can you make me a quick presentation of Windrush Generation please?

R: Of curse, The Windrush Generation design the residents of the UK who have Jamaican origin’s and who decided to come over to Britain to start a new life in the late 40’s. They took the ship called “the Empire Windsrush” (that why we call them the Windrush Generation). The first group of 492 migrants arrived on the 22nd of June 1948.

E: OH yeah, they left Jamaica because of poverty, overpopulation, unemployment, so... Caribbean people just wished to have better life by working.

R: Yes, but why British authorities decided to encourage some Jamaïcan people to come in the UK?

E: Remember, in the late of the 40’s the UK is totally destroy because of the World War 2. So at this time they needed lot of labor to rebuild the country.

R: OKKK so that was an opportunity to people from West Indies to find a country promising, prosperity etc.…

E: But how do you think they felt in the Empire Windrush?

R:Mmmm Maybe exciting and hopeful because they were going to start a new life, however I think they were exhausted by the trip and a little homesick and worried…that normal, imagine you are going to change all the things in your life…

E: That right…

R: Can you just tell me how English people reacted in front of the migrant?

E: Some English people were angry because they thought the Caribbean people were taking their homes and jobs. They didn’t integrate easily into the British society. They were discriminated against, they suffered from racism.

R: Yes, I can remember now! And in response of that, they decided to share their cultural heritage with the British community.

E: Exactly, they made a Caribbean pride and that’s call Notting Hill Carnival in London which happen every August, with its colorful costumes, dances, reggae music, parades and its drum and steel bands. And today they are fully integrated!

R: Yeah migrants form a central part of the British society!

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