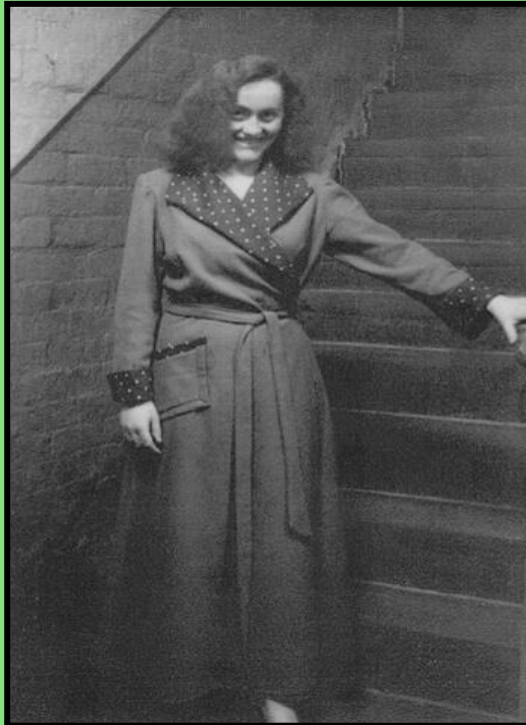




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1871-2018

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Context

Migration to Bradford is not a new phenomenon. The rise of the textile industry in the 19th century drew a significant number of workers from Ireland to work in the mills. While this declined from the 1870s, subsequent wars in Europe (in particular the World Wars) led to a shortage of workers in Bradford and many displaced people from other countries. Companies actively recruited workers from these countries to fill the vacancies left by war.

From the later 20th century to the present day, the majority of migration has been from South Asia (in particular Pakistan and Bangladesh).

You will need:

Oral histories of:

Feliks Czenkusz ([PCM01](#))

Theresa Schistal ([PCM02](#))

The Ricardo sisters ([PCM03](#))

Mohammad Bashir ([PCM04](#))

Lesson Idea:

Present students with the oral histories of Feliks Czenkusz (migrated to Bradford 1947), Theresa Schistal (1949), the Ricardo sisters (1957) and Mohammad Bashir (late 1950s).

Although these accounts are close in time, the differences for migration do vary. Ask students to compare and contrast the main push and pull factors contributing to their decisions. Remind students to bear in mind that these are histories as told by the people experiencing them - memories are not perfect and there may be inaccuracies and inconsistencies in their accounts. It is up to them, as the historian, to judge what is most likely and justify their decision.

Further Study:

Students could go on to carry out their own research either into the factors driving migration to Bradford today or those influencing Irish migration in the 19th century, comparing this with the driving factors in the mid-20th century.



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Further Reading:

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