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I was born in Trinidad and my family moved to the UK 2 weeks before my 6th birthday. I still have memories of that day at the airports, because of my fascination with aircrafts and aeroplanes, but I haven't left the UK since then. I have now spent the majority of my life in the UK.

From Primary School to Sixth Form, opportunities to travel have always been there. My schools fuelled my many aspirations and presented opportunities for travel to different countries as part of the practical and cultural learning experiences. This was always an exciting prospect, but for me it was never to be.

I was also actively involved in my community having joined the Air Training Corps at age 12 and have been in several youth groups and school clubs, but never able to along with them outside the country.

I'll be honest, I was confused, upset and even a bit angry, and so I finally had "*the conversation*" with my mom. She explained that though we have been living in the UK for quite a while and we were fully integrated culturally, educationally and socially, I only had limited status and was not classified as British. What was worst, she didn't have a solution which could change this. That was until we were introduced to PRCBC.

PRCBC is a brilliant project, managed by the delightful, brilliant Solange and a really awesome team. They assessed our case and said that there were grounds for me to have British citizenship. I was overwhelmed! The doubts and fear came at first after being rejected by the Home Office a couple of times, but PRCBC wouldn't give up. They were prepared to take my case to the High court after my initial Home office review was denied. The Judicial Review was a roller-coaster experience but through PRCBC's hard work, knowledge and determination we made it out before this stage was even considered.

I now have my British citizenship and passport. I'm working towards getting my Pilot Licence and my Driving Licence. I have been fortunate to make a lot of supportive, lifelong friends here who supported and encouraged me through the process. I've booked in trips to travel abroad with my friends from school and Cadets. University is now a very real prospective, without the worry of

paying international student fees. All these were obstructed by my limited legal status and I never really got to fully build those childhood memories that meant so much to my life. That's all changed, thanks to Solange and the PRCBC team.

Solange, Sue and the PRCBC team were comforting, encouraging and worked off the clock to push my case in the right direction. You couldn't begin to imagine the change they have bought to my life. Thank you so much for putting in the time and effort and fighting to see my case through.