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| **Claire Doolan, 53, alternative clothes shop owner**  Stratford, East London  Britain is quite welcoming and inclusive as a nation, which I appreciate. I want Britishness to mean eccentricity, inclusiveness and not being judgmental, and I think that's what I've found in Hastings. It's a curious town. Lots of people come here to escape. We have festivals that no one else has, and we have a lot of anarchy in our own little way. But that's very British – pram races, sea-boot races and a Jack in the Green festival that has very ancient roots. | **Nadia Hussain, 32, biomedical scientist**  My parents came here from Pakistan in 1974. I was born in Forest Gate, east London, in 1979, and have four brothers and sisters. I experienced a lot of racism growing up. The racial groups – white, black, Asian – tended to keep in their own groups. It was really weird. But I love the East End, and wouldn't change it for the world. Our neighbours are white, and we love them to bits. I still live with my parents, and because of our cultural background I can only break away when I get married. I'm not a strict Muslim, but I do carry my faith close to my heart, and I'd be unlikely to marry outside it; the culture clash would be too great. Britain is moving too fast and has lost its sense of Britishness. It's obsessed by money, and social bonds are breaking down. My parents always make us have a meal together in the evening. That has been lost in this generation. Respect for teachers has also been lost. I'm proud to be British, but the country isn't as strong as it was. Our educational system is deteriorating, unemployment is rising, and I worry about the future. The Olympics will be great, but what happens afterwards? | **James Adams, 22, fisherman**  I started as a fisherman when I was 16, and got into it because my boss is friends with my dad. I'd always wanted to do it – it's exciting. I like the fact that Britain has always been a fishing nation. I'm not interested in Europe – it's a pile of crap. They're in trouble financially, but we're already in enough debt, and we shouldn't be working our balls off to pay for other countries. I don't bother to vote. Politicians say one thing to get elected and then it's, "See you next Tuesday" when they get power. |

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