

COUNCILLOR DIMITRI BATROUNI

HERITAGE

Dimitri Batrouni was born in Newport to a Welsh mother and a father whose heritage connects to the Mediterranean.

Greek Orthodox faith and Lebanese-influenced food and that habit of generosity shaped his upbringing alongside Welsh traditions.

Dimitri says he loves both worlds.

WALES MEANS...

PASSION VALUES HISTORY

Wales felt like Dimitri's from the get-go.

Welsh culture: the sport, music, humour, chat and that every day "hello", all helped shape his confidence and sense of connection.

He believes Welsh culture is close-knit and family-orientated, like the Mediterranean, feeling completely Welsh, without giving up any other part of who he is.



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CONTRIBUTION

As leader of Newport City Council, he's been told he is the first leader of a Welsh local authority from a Black or ethnic minority background.

Known locally for deep involvement in community life; attending events, celebrating cultures and listening to residents' needs.

Currently pushing for a special school in Newport for children with complex needs. His leadership shows young people that their background isn't a barrier.

STRENGTHS & JOY

Dimitri is good at speaking to people, just being normal and connecting.

What brings him the most joy, is his son.

“BE WHO YOU ARE, AND FIGHT FOR OTHERS TO BE WHO THEY ARE.”