



LONDON



MY HISTORY! MY STORY! TOLD MY WAY!



INTRODUCTION

My London Story is a landmark project capturing the unique stories of London's young people – their past, present and future.

Engaging over 1000 12-14 year olds from 9 secondary schools across London, we explored the themes of identity, belonging and place in their own words. Over 35 of these young people filmed their life stories which will be added to the Museum of London's oral history collection, making it more reflective of Londoners of all ages.

Documented here are the conversations and journeys – including deep discussions, archive exploration and creative workshops – that led to the recordings of these oral histories.

My London Story was a Museum of London project in collaboration with BBC 100, celebrating the BBC's centenary in 2022.

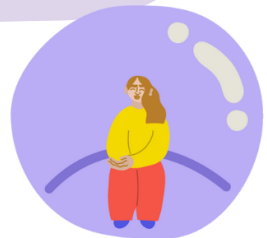


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YOUR THOUGHTS

'I found it quite interesting because it shows how young people have lived their lives. In a couple of hundred years, this is going to be history; this isn't going to be the present anymore. So it's good to keep their memories somewhere.'

Thank you to the students who shared their stories and the schools that participated in the My London Story project.



BBC 100 OBJECT

WOMAN'S HOUR QUILT



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The Museum of London was inspired by this BBC 100 object, a patchwork quilt made by the listeners of Woman's Hour. This quilt was created in 1993 marking 75 years of suffrage. Each individual tile is unique to the person that created it highlighting an aspect of the suffrage movement that resonated with them contributing to a bigger artwork as part of a community. It was this representation of personal and group identities shown together that linked to the themes of our My London Story project.



CREATING YOUR OWN IDENTITY TILE



During the art workshop, the participants were invited to create their own identity tile. They thought about everything that makes up their identity and found creative ways to represent this visually.

What makes up your identity?

- What brings you joy?
- What inspires you?
- Where are you from?
- What is important to you?



You will need

- A square piece of paper
- Glue
- Pens and pencils
- Any materials you can find that you want to add

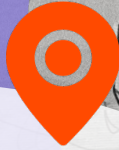
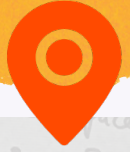


Create your own patchwork art

How about asking your friends and family to make their own tile or make more than one tile about your own identity and then place them together to make or own a patchwork art.

CREATING A LANDSCAPE OF BELONGING

WHAT GIVES YOU HOPE?



WHAT ARE PLACES/SPACES OF BELONGING?



WHAT IS COMMUNITY?



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Everyone participated in a chair of truth workshop challenging them to listen to others and be honest and reflective in their contributions. These are the statement they discussed and debated.



London is my home



My skin affects how people perceive me

London would be boring if it didn't have different cultures



London would be a better place if everyone had the same faith



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