

For Journey to Justice talk at Women, Human Rights and Poverty panel

Examples of impact

80% of visitors to our exhibition in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 2015 said it **increased their knowledge and understanding** of the US civil rights movement and the UK's history of struggles for freedom. **60% of participants** said involvement with Journey to Justice had **inspired them to take action for social justice**.

JtoJ Live Feedback by young people in Leyton, East London after training and poetry sessions:

'Our voice is the next generation, there are people too scared to say what they think and we have to be role models.'

'Since I joined JtoJ I have the confidence to make a change and speak out. I learned a lot about who changed history.'

'I was proud of myself because I was never able to speak in front of a lot of people but you helped me every step of the way.'

'Justice is important. We need to be treated fairly and be happy.'

'It's making me understand more about life and society. I can get things off my chest. I can help younger people understand better about gangs.'

'I learned there are many ways to fight back without using violence.'

'The project has built up my confidence in speaking about my fears and experiences I have gone through in the past. It has made me a little bit stronger and happier about who I am and how I look like, I don't care what people think of me anymore.'

Newcastle

"I intend to carry on the JtoJ legacy wherever I go. JtoJ has inspired me to pursue a career in the charity sector if possible or, at the very least, dedicate my spare time outside of work to the social justice cause." (JtoJ volunteer)

"There are some truly shocking stories told in the exhibition and that is the right way to do it, people should be shocked and horrified at such horrific abuse of people and their basic human rights, sometimes I think museums are guilty of not showing the whole picture because they want to play safe." (Discovery Museum staff member)

"The project made the children more aware of injustices because they could relate to the stories." (St. Benet's)

"This is the first training I've attended which inspired me to do something. It was really good. We know what the next part of our campaign is now... We needed a strategy, and now we have one." (Children North East)

"I am 24, and in all my life I have never learned so much about social justice and how important it is." (Space 2)

Islington, young people in alternative provision

"It was a good project. We feel a lot more confident and skilled. The project and you guys gave us confidence to do well, despite our incidents at school... It's given me motivation to do more about what I want for my future."

"Justice doesn't just come. You go through trials, that's part of the road."

"We can make a change by promoting equality and telling younger people about these stories and their struggles, so they can also learn from them. We have to stick up for each other."

"Everyone had fun. Journey to justice people made us feel at ease and cared for us, you didn't judge us."

“It has been all active and fun. Usually we sit on our laptops, but we actually had to put in effort and it was something new I was learning. “

Sunderland

“Brilliant organisation and cause, lots of inspirational stories and people”

“There is so much that could be achieved for and by the people of Sunderland.”

“ I got my passion back as to why I work in engagement.”

“It helps the youth to have confidence in themselves”

“Journey to Justice could be an excellent vehicle to tackle inequalities and injustice in the region.”

“As a result of the Journey to Justice taster, we have begun talking about what we're doing today to confront injustice and might find homes for unaccompanied refugee children, other than just talk about it.”

Sheffield

“Really powerful and beautifully assembled exhibition...”

“Wonderfully interesting, moving and inspiring, an exhibition that deserves very high coverage. Thank you.”

“Rekindled my desire to continue the fight for equality and justice for all. Sometimes life makes us complacent and ‘too busy’ to realize there are still many battles to be fought.”

Girlz United, Tower Hamlets and Brandon Baptist Church, Camberwell and Hawkwell Girls Brigade, Essex Interfaith residential weekend

"What we've done together this weekend is important not only through the practical activities, I also gained knowledge and it's inspired me to become more of an active person and to start taking more interest in my own community and value every piece of it...I learnt how to start believing in myself."

"Without programmes like this people are unable to understand why people are racist...It's fear of the unknown." "I became more confident, learnt how to work in a team and not to fear heights."

"We learnt that we all have a voice. It's just what we do with it that can make a difference." "I've learned how I can be accepted for who I am with a set of people I've never met before."

"This project has been so emotionally powerful." "I've learned how my choice of words in an artistic form can create an impact." "When we have a common goal we can achieve it and be happier."

"This weekend shows how people don't all have to be the same to get on which is something I rarely see at school." "I learned how you should speak up." "It helped us help people who are not OK." "Need to go deep."

National Citizen Service

"I've learnt more about working for social justice - young people should be speaking out more."

"It made me realise how much social injustice is still going on in the world." "Take action beyond words."

" We need to be more accepting to change and difference." "It has made me open my eyes to the bigger world."