

Bring your students to the Journey to Justice exhibition

We aim to galvanise people to take action for social justice through learning about human rights movements and the arts

"I had planned my day by packing my purse. Toothpaste, soap, change of underwear, my sister's jacket. I just got everything I thought I would need, because I was determined that I was going to jail, so that I could go and get my freedom. ... We paid a price for the freedoms that were obtained; some of us were bitten by dogs, some were hosed, many others were jailed. Six innocent young people died. Freedom was not free."

(Janice Wesley, sixteen year old who protested against racial segregation in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963)



Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square, Broad St, B1 2ND

In the Spotlight& Mezzanine Cafe from 10th Feb-27th April 2020

11.00 am - 7 pm Mon& Tues & 11am-5pm Wed-Sat (closed Sundays)

Free on-site schools workshops available (see below)

In 1960 Ruby Bridges was a six-year-old girl in New Orleans where Black children had not been allowed to go to all-white schools and racist violence was common. When the law changed Ruby was the only African American child brave enough to go to her new elementary school. On her first day of school US marshals had to protect her from a violent screaming crowd who threw things at her. Only one teacher, Barbara Henry, was willing to teach Ruby: all the white parents of children in her class kept them at home. For a whole year Ruby was the only child in Barbara's class and she had to spend breaks and lunchtimes alone with her teacher.

Ruby and Janice are two of the people – from the USA, UK and from the West Midlands extraordinary history – who feature in our stunning interactive exhibition about little known stories of everyday people who took action for social justice. Janice will be in Birmingham and you can hear her speak at a community event on Saturday April 4th afternoon - details to follow. Please Save the Date!

Local stories in the exhibition:

- **Supreme Quilting and Burnsall - strikes led by Asian women**
- **The story of the Sparkbrook Association**
- **Two men – Will Thorne and Luke Kelly – whose experience as workers in Birmingham shaped activism they took elsewhere**
- **Malcolm X's visit to Smethwick**

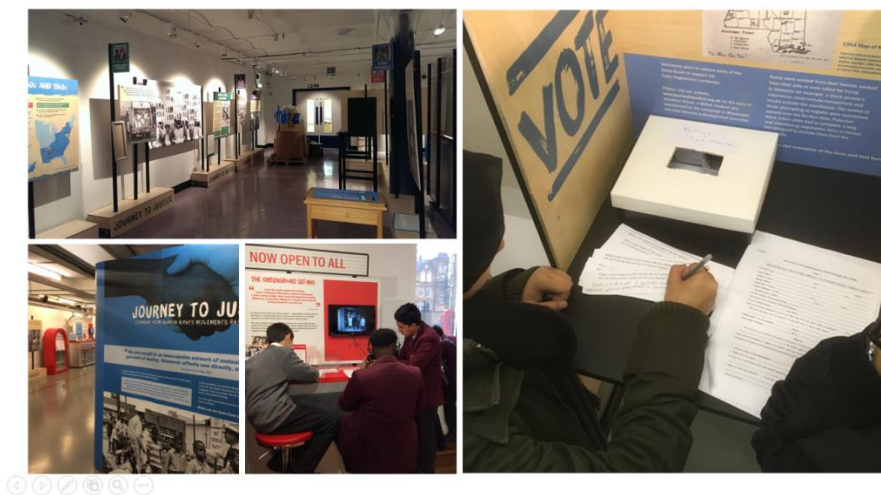
We may also be able to run free workshops for school groups geared to your needs:

- KS2, KS3, GCSE, A Level
- History, Citizenship, RE, Social Studies, PSHE

For any of the above workshops – as well as details of a CPD session for teachers - contact Martin Spafford at martinspaff@ntlworld.com . If you are bringing a group to the exhibition independently we can send you suggested materials to use before, during or after your visit, tailored to your group. See our website for materials:

<https://journeytojustice.org.uk/training-resources/>

You are welcome to bring a group without booking a workshop. Please inform the library in advance: enquiries@libraryofbirmingham.com and childrens.library@birmingham.gov.uk so they know numbers to expect.



(Photos show the exhibition during its time in Newcastle, Sunderland, Tower Hamlets and Lambeth. It has also been to Sheffield, Middlesbrough, Nottingham, Bristol, Newham, Dorset, Islington, Brent and Leicester)

“When an individual is protesting society’s refusal to acknowledge his dignity as a human being, his very act of protest confers dignity on him.”

(Bayard Rustin, an openly gay Quaker pacifist and ‘unknown hero’ of the American civil rights struggle)

