

Promoting the Rights of Children & Young People



Dear Reader,

We are contacting you with the sincere intention of creating a connection with as many projects and women from across the North East as possible. We are a group of young women involved in a women rights project with Investing in Children – Durham, funded by the Heritage Lottery Young Roots Programme. Our Project is called The Decades Project.

One of the key developments of our project is to research what barriers women face within society and are interested in expanding the project in various ways, including; the promotion of women and their heritage in the North East.

In addition to this we are focusing upon women's history and the retired Chaplin Elizabeth, who set up 'Open Gate' – a charity at Low Newton prison. We are also conducting research with other women from across the North East. Our intention is to uncover how women contributed to their local area. We understand the community know a minimum amount of this heritage context and we are keen to change this and develop their knowledge. We are hoping this is an area you may be interested in and able to contribute to.

The group's objectives are to connect the research content with different experiences and knowledge, which is why we want to connect with as many people as possible. Largely because we believe there are many inspirational figures and stories to be told to young women today whilst providing us with the opportunity to learn.

Finally, we are hoping to create a resource tool that functions to network community members. We are considering tools such as a book that contains a collection of women's narratives. This tool could also provide practical information relating to the active participation of women in the community. We believe this could connect community members and the book would provide a way of promoting social inclusion.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely, Amber, Caitlin, Chloe, Emma, Jade, Jasmin, Keira, Lyndsey, Megan, Rowan, Shannon and Sophie. The Decades Project Team.

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