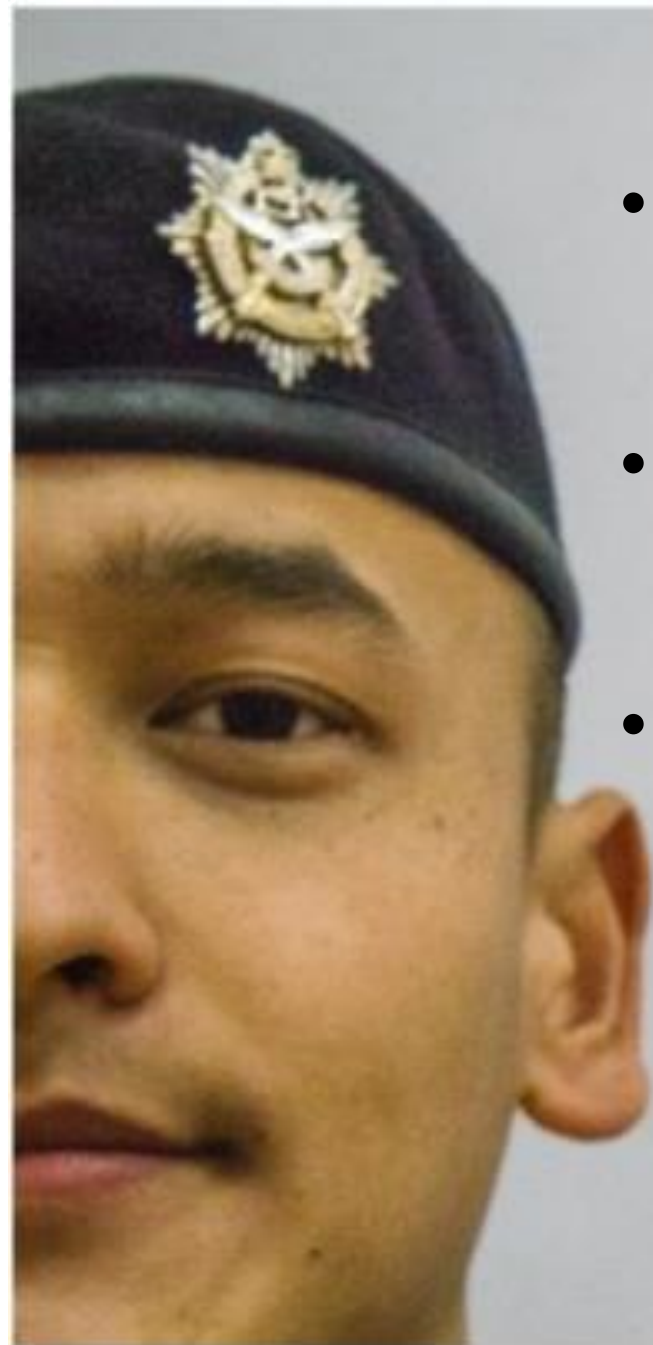




The Gurkha Connection

A celebration and commemoration of over 200 years of shared history between the Gurkhas and the British Army



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About *The Gurkha Connection*

- 27 young people aged 12-18 from Hart & Rushmoor – The Wavell School, Farnborough; West End Centre, Aldershot; The Sixth Form College Farnborough
- Young people took a central leading role, culminating in an exhibition and commemorative book
- Throughout, the young people developed confidence, research and teamwork skills



About *The Gurkha Connection*

- 2015 saw the 200 year anniversary of service by the Gurkhas to the British Crown
- Showcased, celebrated and commemorated the important and historic relationship between the Gurkhas and the British Army
- Recognised and celebrated the local Nepali community

Project Activities

- The young people took part in:
 - community interviews, heritage workshops, cultural & research trips, and photography & exhibition workshops
- The young people worked with:
 - professionals including photographers, heritage and museum experts
 - serving personnel from 10 The Queen's Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment (10 QOGLR) & members of Maddhat Shamuha – Nepalese Help
- Discover Arts Award

Project Activities

Cultural briefings from officers of 10 QOGLR



Project Activities

Met and interviewed members of
Maddhat Shamuha – Nepalese Help,
and Gurkhas from 10 QOGLR



Project Activities

Cultural trips to Aldershot Military Museum and The Gurkha Museum, Winchester



Project Activities

Exhibition workshops with professionals from The British Museum and Hampshire Cultural Trust



Project Activities

Photography workshops led by artist educators from In Focus Training LTD



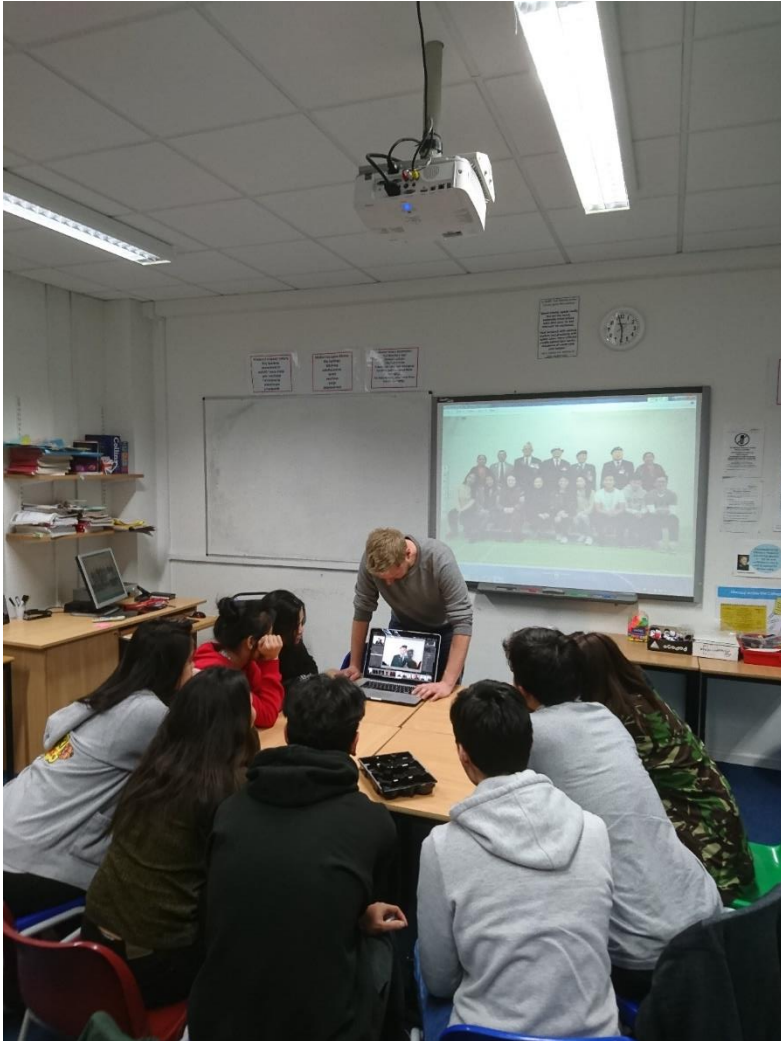
Project Activities

Photographed members of Maddhat
Shamuha – Nepalese Help and
Gurkhas from 10 QOGLR



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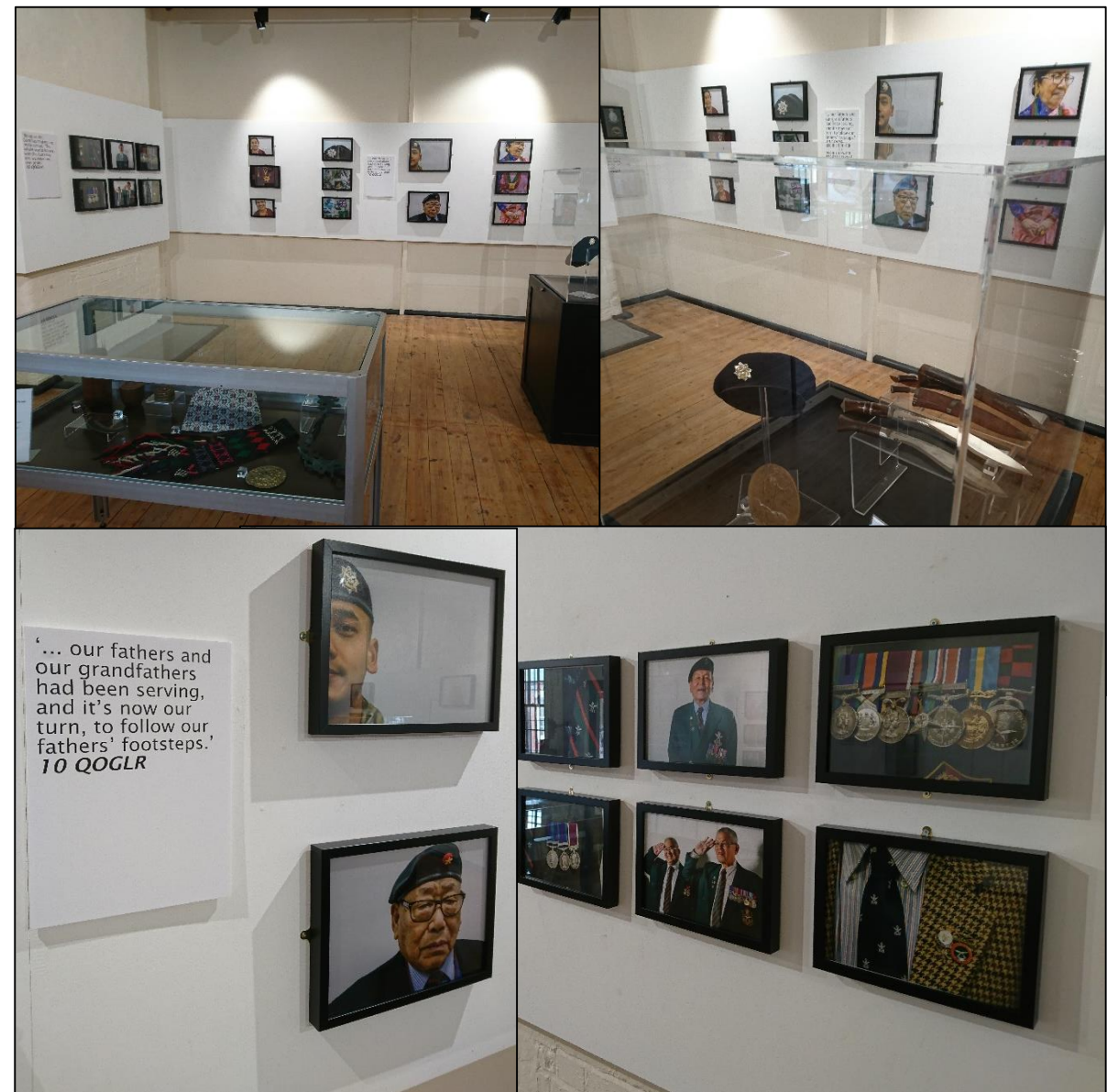
Curated the exhibition and commemorative book





Project Outputs and Legacy

Commemorative Book and Exhibition



Feedback from Young People

‘I want visitors to gain a stronger understanding of the role that the Gurkhas have played in the history of Britain and the role they and the whole Nepali community still play in society today’

‘It’s an amazing project and I loved the experience’

‘I am most proud of the exhibition and how much my confidence has grown’

‘I think it is important to celebrate and commemorate the relationship between the Gurkhas and the British Army because it shows the coming together of cultures’

Celebrate
Informative
Commemorative
Connection
Fun
Awareness
Sympathetic
Photography
Thankful
Educated
Interesting
Teach
History
Reflection
Creative
Learning
Amazed
Respect
Appreciation
Society
Pride
Honoured
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Learn
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Fascinating
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Enjoyable
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