

Lesson ideas

Explore contemporary citizen voices through looking at Shelly Sacks' **Exchange Values: Images of invisible lives** art exhibition.

This installation is made up of sheets of banana skins, taken from bananas from the Windward Islands, and dried and stitched together. The voices of banana growers can be heard beneath each 'box' of bananas. They can be downloaded from the Exchange Values website.

Consider with your class, issues of poverty, world trade, consumption, supermarkets and power, shopping habits, educational opportunities for banana growing families, fair trade alternatives

Use Toby Butler's **MemoryScapes** to bring issues of economic geography, planning, urban redevelopment and regeneration to life through oral history.

MemoryScapes are guided audio walks including rich oral histories from the people who have lived and worked around London's docks and the river Thames.

Consider the changing geography of the London Docks, the impact of the Millennium Dome, the sense of place and belonging, the importance of local and global histories, the connections between economic, social and cultural change.

Use guided audio-walks around the school, in transition between primary and secondary school, in cross-curricular ICT/media/history projects.

Useful Links

www.exchange-values.org

www.memoryscape.org.uk

Website: www.geocitizen.org.uk

Email: geocitizenproject@googlemail.com