



Dear School Learning and Creativity Team,

Welcome to Sampad and our new Associate Schools Scheme!

Sampad has been working in Birmingham and beyond for 30 years and over that time has worked with many local schools on a range of Arts and Heritage Projects. In 2019 we were funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund to create a major exhibition at the Library of Birmingham for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. The exhibition, *From City of Empire to City of Diversity*, used the photo collection of local photographer Earnest Dyche, housed in Birmingham Archives and documented the story of migration to the city.

A portable version of the exhibition was created alongside comprehensive online learning resources and over the past two years, twenty-two schools have used it to enrich their curriculum.

Staff involved in the project expressed a keenness to continue using the materials even when the exhibition had finished and a number of teachers also approached Sampad for artists and productions to support their work in other areas of the curriculum.

In response to this, we have developed **Sampad Associate Schools** which will allow both existing and new schools to host the *From City of Empire to City of Diversity* exhibition. Schools will also gain access to the online resources as well as a whole day Heritage training session for two members of staff on 28th September. Our associate schools will also enjoy a wide range of exclusive benefits and opportunities, supporting cultural and curriculum development.

This is a subscription service but one which is mindful of financial constraints. As well as our Ruby, Emerald and Sapphire tiers, we also offer a bespoke relationship for schools who are keen to bring in a specific artist regularly or develop a longer term project with us.

As schools are always refining their curriculum we also offer a menu of one off workshops and performances which can be booked respective of whether you are a **Sampad Associate School**. (**Sampad Associate Schools** receive advance booking and a discount on any workshops or performances throughout the year).

We hope you will be keen to join us on this exciting journey and we are happy to meet with you to discuss any elements of our offer and your vision for your school/ department.

With warm wishes

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“You see History from a different exciting perspective. I recommend it.”

(Hiba, Yr 5)

“We were overwhelmed by the imaginative and meaningful work which was produced.”

(Head of History, Kings Norton Girl’s School)



“The performance was unique and had a lasting impression on all due to its interactive nature.”

(Year 12 student)





From City of Empire to City of Diversity Exhibition and extensive online resources. Available to all Sampad Associate Schools.

The *From City of Empire to City of Diversity Schools* exhibition is a smaller version of the original exhibition at The Library of Birmingham. Presenting key features from the project, alongside striking photographs by Ernest Dyche, this mini-version is the perfect stimulus for conversations around migration and diversity. Small enough to fit anywhere in the school, previous schools have displayed it in the hall, for all students to see on their lunch break.

Accompanying the exhibition are comprehensive classroom resources, including oral histories, storytelling and an interactive map, which have already equipped teachers with the skills to confidently discuss the heritage of people from Birmingham with thousands of young people.

Sapphire and Emerald Schools will be given priority booking between 1st July and 30th August 2024.

All remaining slots will then be filled in the order that booking sheets are received.

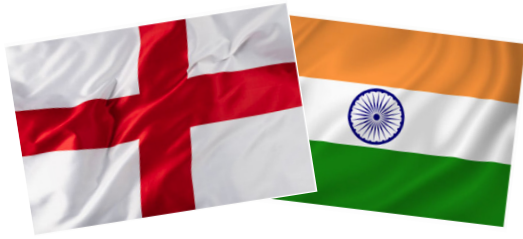
“The photos provided an approachable way of tackling issues like Empire, Commonwealth and immigration. They were a ‘way in’ to some of these difficult concepts.” (Head of History, Kings Norton Girl’s School)



“It has made me want to know more about my grandparents and know more about their history.”
(Student, Year 9)



“I felt that the characters were relatable to many of the cultures in our school community and it felt inclusive. The actors did a fantastic job engaging with the children which helped maintain their concentration throughout the piece.” (Year 3 Teacher, Kings Heath Primary School)



International Writing Competition 'I Have A Dream'

In September 2023, Sampad is launching an exciting schools writing competition in collaboration with the esteemed PK Foundation of Kolkata, India.

The aim of the competition is for the young people of both countries to share their aspirations in written form; their hopes and dreams for the future – for both themselves, others and indeed the world. We want them to write about what matters to them and in the form that they like to express themselves best. Further details will be sent to participating schools.

We will be inviting our Emerald and Sapphire Schools to submit contributions by the 30th November 2023 which will then be forwarded to the Judging Panel. The top 100 contributions from both countries will be published in a new creative writing collection (June 2024), available in both England and Kolkata.

There will be a celebration event and an award for the winners in each category. We are expecting this to be a **high profile project** and look forward to you joining us as we celebrate the creativity and aspirations of our young people.

Age Categories:

Primary School writers: aged 8 – 11 by 31st August 2024

Secondary School writers: aged 12 – 16 by 31st August 2024

Timeline:

September 2023 (date tbc): Launch with stakeholders and Emerald and Sapphire School Staff

September – November 2023: Schools Individual Competition

September – November 2023 (date tbc): Writer workshops

1st October – 30th November 2023: Schools submit entries
(Emerald schools: 30 entries: / Sapphire Schools: 60 entries)

December 2023 – January 2024: Judging Process

February – April 2024: Publishing

May 2024: Winners announced

Please note:

Due to the volume of entries we are only offering this to our Emerald and Sapphire schools at the current time.



Zoe Rahman Schools Workshop

Sampad Associate Schools
Exclusive

21st September 2023 at
Midlands Arts Centre

This is a unique opportunity to meet and attend a master class with Mercury Prize Nominated and MoBO award winning Jazz musician Zoe Rahman (who will be performing her full concert in the evening). Young instrumentalists will have the chance to learn from this vibrant and highly individual pianist and composer, whose style is deeply rooted in jazz yet it reflects her classical background, British/Bengali heritage and her very broad musical taste.

Forest Dream Schools Matinee

25th October 2023 at Midlands Arts Centre
Suitable for age 7+

This work is loosely based on the true story of 'The forest man of India' who devoted his life to the cause of reviving his beloved land- the Majuli islands in the mighty and sometimes ferocious Brahmaputra river. This intergenerational dance show explores his beautiful relationship with the Goddess of forests - 'Aranyani' whose very existence is now under threat. Weaving in Carnatic music with western soundscapes, the production is a stylistic blend of Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi (both South Indian classical dance styles) and contemporary dance.

£6.50 + £1.50 ticket fee, with 1 free staff ticket per 10 student tickets.

We will also be offering a free dance workshop for up to 4 schools who book a minimum of 20 tickets.



**My Journey,
My Birmingham**
Theatre in Education
Programme and Resources
(KS2 & 3)

This year we are delighted to offer our schools an additional resource to support learning.

My Journey, My Birmingham tells the imagined stories of some of the people from the Dyche collection (see page two for more info) and explores through interactive theatre and drama activities some of the sacrifices they made and prejudices they faced, as well as their aspirations as they rebuilt their lives in the city.

The programme which is suited for one class (max thirty two children), is one hour long and can be booked before, during, or after your *From City of Empire to City of Diversity* schools exhibition.

Costs:

1 performance: £375

(£337.50 for Ruby schools or £300 for Sapphire and Emerald schools)

2 performances: £600 on the same morning or afternoon in the same school

(£540 for Ruby schools or £480 for Sapphire and Emerald schools)

3 performances: £800, whole day in one school

(£720 for Ruby schools or £640 for Sapphire and Emerald schools)

Spirit of Light

Performance in celebration of Diwali,
touring 6th – 17th November 2023

Spirit of Light is a 45 minute performance, exploring the Hindi story of Rama & Sita and the Sikh story of Bandi Chhor Divas, available to schools this Autumn. The performance featuring a storyteller, a dancer and a musician, is suitable for a maximum of 120 students* and there are reductions for a 2nd performance booked on the same day.



Spirit of Light *continued from page 6*

“I loved the performances and was really impressed by the actors. I loved the intimate feeling and would really like to see Sampad back at Nishkam for more performances, workshops etc.” (Head of Faith, Nishkam High School)

*please note that the children sit on the floor in a horseshoe formation and the action takes place around them so a large hall will be required if there are over 100 students.

Costs:

1 performance: £350

(£315 for Ruby schools or £280 for Emerald schools or FREE for Sapphire schools)

2 performances on the same day: £600

(£540 for Ruby schools or £480 for Emerald schools or £175 for Sapphire schools)

Marvel at my World Exhibition 19th January - 13th April 2024 The Library of Birmingham

Leicester based dancer, choreographer and artist Subhash Viman Gorania has created a Visual Art Exhibition which will be touring the UK in 2024. It combines his Hindu beliefs with that of his children's fascination with superheroes.

Alongside the exhibiton he is offering 12 workshop residencies in Birmingham which will be available exclusively to **Sampad Associate Schools.**

Dan Tastic Superheroes Interactive Workshop

Full day: 4 workshops £450

Self Esteem & PSHE workshop, suitable for EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Superheroes Martial Arts with Chirag

Full day: 4 workshops £450

Movement workshop, suitable for KS1 &KS2

Comic Book Workshops

Full day: 4 workshops £400

With author and illustrator Emily Fellah, suitable for KS1 &2

These workshops are expected to sell out fast. Booking forms will be sent out to all registered Sampad Associate Schools the 1st week of September with dates of both the Free Exhibition and the workshops.

Sampad will be creating a resource pack which supporting materials for Associate Schools to use with students when visiting the exhibition. We will also be offering a number of travel bursaries. Further details will be given in due course.



The Offer

Ruby Schools £350 (current schools £250)

From City of Empire to City of Diversity Schools Exhibition - two week residency

Use of online resources from Sep 23 – Jul 24

Teacher support session as part of a one day History CPD session in association with Historic England

10% off Sampad workshops or productions during the year

Emerald Schools £500

From City of Empire to City of Diversity Schools Exhibition - two week residency

Use of online resources from Sep 23 – July 24

Teacher support session as part of a one day History CPD session in association with Historic England

Thirty entries to our International Writing Competition (Sep – Nov 2023)

20% off Sampad workshops or productions during the year

'Early bird' opportunity to book Schools exhibition dates (1st Jul -Aug 31st)

Sapphire Schools £1000

From City of Empire to City of Diversity Schools Exhibition - two week residency

Use of online resources from Sep 23 – Jul 24

Teacher support session as part of a one day History CPD session in association with Historic England

Sixty entries to the International Writing Competition (Sep – Nov 2023)

One 'Spirit of Light' Diwali Performance for up to 120 children

50% off a second 'Spirit of Light' performance on the same day (worth £175)

20% off any additional Sampad workshops or productions during the year

Priority for available From City of Empire to City of Diversity exhibition dates during the Early Bird period (1st July -31st August 2023)

Sapphire Plus Schools £2000+

Schools who book a bespoke package of artists, performances and/or training worth £2000 or more will also receive all benefits of a Sapphire School.

Please contact the Learning Manager to discuss how we can support your school in achieving its vision.

