

Key Stage 3 to 5

Nalini by Arpita Shah

17 January to 28 March 2020

Creative writing
English
Language
GCSE

Creative writing workshop



This workshop is developed to support GCSE English Language

About the exhibition

Spanning India, East Africa and the UK, *Nalini* explores the connected histories of Arpita Shah's mother, her grandmother and herself. The exhibition reveals ancestral intimacies across space and time, and how their histories, memories and bodies are intertwined.

Nalini is a personal journey for Arpita Shah, which has allowed her to reconnect with the past through her maternal lineage and explore how migration, distance and loss have shaped their lives. The artist herself was born in India, grew up in Saudi Arabia and Ireland, and now lives in Scotland.

Shah's photographic journey led to discoveries of old forgotten family photographs, shared and individual memories of objects, places, and family stories. The portraits physically connect the artist to her mother and grandmother, allowing her to visually explore how connected their lives really are.

Workshop

Are you looking for ways to inspire your students in preparation for creative writing as part of English Language GCSE. Bring your students to Impressions Gallery where they can engage with powerful photographic images that explore themes such as family history, migration and identity.

Pupils will use the images as a stimulus for creative writing. In the first part of the workshop, pupils will focus on developing their skills in relation to 'reading' images. In the second part of the workshop, students will use these skills to practice descriptive and narrative writing inspired by the artwork.

Curriculum areas

English, Photography, Art and Design, History, Geography.

Learning Outcomes

Pupils will:

- Practice skills in descriptive and narrative writing.
- Engage in creative writing.
- Develop critical skills to analyse and evaluate their own work.
- Learn how to read and interpret images.

Booking details

- Workshop cost £95+VAT
- Special workshop price for Artsmark schools of £76+VAT (20% discount)
- The session time is 2 hours long.
- Maximum 35 students per session.
- Where possible, please book at least two weeks in advance.
- Call Jennifer Sobol, Learning Manager on 01274 737843 or email jennifersobol@impressions-gallery.com



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