

## **Precious Cargo**



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Young people and communities are taking centre stage creating exciting new exhibitions, events and activities in Yorkshire's museums for the Cultural Olympiad, a four year programme culminating during the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

Exhibitions themed as **Precious Cargo** will reveal the region's World Collections in new and creative ways. How have objects, ideas and customs found their way across the world and become 'precious' items of Yorkshire heritage in the process? What are the things that are precious for Yorkshire people? What stories do they tell?

Between now and 2012 a partnership of museums in the region\* led by Renaissance Yorkshire will invite individuals, groups and especially young people to work together to explore these questions. Contributors will select objects from collections, share their own precious things and design exhibitions around them. They will create new public events, art and performances. Together they will tell their own, historical and imagined stories about the journeys connecting Yorkshire and the world, the people and their shared heritage.

**Precious Cargo** is a big contributor to the Cultural Olympiad major project Stories of the World which involves more than 50 museums and libraries across the country. Together we can ensure that London 2012 is remembered for a once-in-a-generation legacy of creativity, arts, culture and heritage told through the treasured items and voices of Yorkshire's communities and young people.

*"The idea that young people can help curate is great as they have often been excluded from the decision making process and can offer energy and freedom from traditional rules... I think the arts and culture are really important... they offer the freedom for diverse cultures to come together and start learning about each other"*

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